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TIENTSIN DEMANDS MET CLAIM JAPANESE

Mr. Butler Tells The Commons Admits Situation Very Grave

LONDON, June 13.
IN THE House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in response to a request from the Labour Member, Mr. Noel Baker, for a statement regarding the situation in Tientsin, said the assassination of the Chinese official in the British Concession on April 9 was the first case of violence in the Concession since the outbreak of hostilities.

"The assassin, a Chinese, escaped and the Municipal authorities invited the Japanese to co-operate in the investigations and search for the murderer," said Mr. Butler.

"Several raids were made in the Concession resulting in arrests. The Japanese then reported that four of those arrested were members of a terrorist gang connected with Cheng's murder and the deaths of three Japanese soldiers.

"These men were handed over to the Japanese for questioning, and they made admissions implicating themselves which they later retracted when they were returned to the custody of the British authorities."

Alleged Torture

"A warning proclamation was made by the British authorities on June 7 that any further acts of violence would be dealt with by handing over those concerned to the de facto authorities for trial or by expulsion from the Concession."

"The four men in question were arrested before this proclamation was issued and in the absence of evidence connecting them with the crime—other than their own confessions which they alleged they made while under torture—the British Government does not feel justified in ordering them to be handed over to the local district court."

"The British Consul General accordingly informed his Japanese colleague that the four men would be held by him pending the production of further evidence, failing which they would be expelled from the Concession," continued Mr. Butler.

"Two other men found in possession of a bomb were handed over to the Japanese authorities."

"Any further offences will be dealt with under the terms of the British proclamation. The Japanese have indicated that they consider this reply to be unsatisfactory and measures have already been taken to remove Japanese business employees from the Concession and to isolate it."

"The situation is serious, but negotiations are still proceeding and it is hoped that a settlement will be reached,"—United Press.

Statement in Full

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, spoke of Tientsin incidents in the House of Commons.

"On May 9 the Manager of the Federal Reserve Bank and the newly-appointed Superintendent of Customs were assassinated in the British Concession. This was the first case of violence in the Concession since the outbreak of hostilities. The assassin, a Chinese, made his escape. The Municipal authorities invited Japanese co-operation and carried out a number of raids in the Concession as a result of which several arrests were made."

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It is stated that the Foreign Office told the Japanese Ambassador that the latest investigations revealed evidence against the four accused Chinese which has justified the decision to surrender them in accordance with the Japanese claims.—United Press.

AMERICAN CONCERN

WASHINGTON, June 13.
IT HAS been officially announced that United States marine and military forces at all points in China will operate directly under United States orders for the protection of the best interests of the United States in the Far East.

Further it is said the American forces will follow the tradition of cooperating with other nations in matters of community interest and the maintenance of order.

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Political observers point out that Japan is compelled to isolate the Tientsin and French Concessions in British by the refusal of the British.

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New British Ministry Of Information Proposed

LONDON, June 13.
THE Cabinet will consider to-morrow a proposal to establish a Ministry of Information to deal mainly with the question of foreign affairs and the presentation of the British case more effectively to the world.

Lord Perth, former Ambassador to Italy, is expected to play a prominent part in the new organisation in view of his special knowledge of international affairs and his long period of office as Secretary General of the League of Nations.

There will, however, be a spokesman for the new Ministry if the House of Commons approves the proposals.

Present plans are limited in character in order to cover peace activities but they will be considerably extended in the event of war.—Reuter.

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Guarantee For Baltic Urged

LONDON, June 13.
In an article in the Evening Standard, Mr. Duff Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty, urges the British Government to guarantee the independence of the Baltic States without delay, and to ally with the Soviet.

The Baltic States were to the Soviet what Belgium was to Britain and in the latter case the guarantees would stand whether they were welcomed by Belgium or not.—Trans-Ocean.

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King And Queen

ON LAST STAGE OF TOUR

Frederickton, New Brunswick, June 13.

DRIVING from Newcastle through the peaceful countryside of New Brunswick, Their Majesties arrived here on the last stage of their triumphant tour. The whole of the route, 100 miles long, had been closed to the public but every hamlet on the way had its triumphal arch of cedar and hemlock branches while little wooden churches and old bridges over streams were all decorated with flags.

Farmers came running from the fields to watch the Royal car pass and in front of every school, the children assembled to catch a glimpse of Their Majesties.

The King and Queen received an official welcome in the Legislative building and afterwards visited the University of New Brunswick where they were entertained to luncheon by the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council of the Province.—Reuter.

Arrive At St. John's

St. John's, New Brunswick, June 13.
Their Majesties arrived here at 4.32 p.m.—Reuter.

Arduous Job Ends

Washington, June 13.
Frank Wilson, chief of the American Secret Service, is breathing a big sigh of relief that one of the biggest bodyguarding jobs of his career has been completed.

He told reporters that the outstanding thing about the Royal visit was that "nobody seemed to want to do Their Majesties any harm."

The Secret Service did not have to arrest anybody before, during, or after the visit. In fact, said Mr. Wilson, all kinds of crime dropped off during the visit. "I guess petty crooks were too busy watching the parades," was his explanation.—Reuter Special.

Former H.K. Journalist Marries

Mr. James Edward Henry, manager of Reuters, Ltd., Singapore, was married recently in Singapore to Miss Mollie Betty Pigott, of Darwin and Sydney.

The ceremony took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Archdeacon Graham White officiating.

Mr. Henry, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Henry, of Darsham, Suffolk, England, was connected with Reuters, Ltd., in Hongkong for several years.

Miss Beatrice Henry, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid and Mrs. R. F. Young, the bride's sister, acted as matron-of-honour. The wedding reception was held at Mrs. Young's home. Mr. A. Graham Hay was best man. The honeymoon is being spent at Cameron Highlands.

China Currency

Why Support Was Withdrawn

LONDON, June 13.

MR. F. J. Bellinger asked in the House of Commons to-day the reason for the serious fall in the exchange value of the Chinese dollar and why the Stabilisation Fund had ceased to operate.

Sir John Simon, in reply, referred the question to the statement issued in Hongkong on June 8.

Mr. Bellinger asked if the purpose of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund was not to keep the Chinese dollar stable and, as it had depreciated since, whether the Fund had ceased to serve a useful purpose.

Sir John Simon said he did not think that the Fund had ceased to be useful and he again referred the question to the Hongkong statement.

Mr. Bellinger asked whether the Fund had ceased to operate as British funds were involved.

Reason For Collapse

The Chancellor of the Exchequer again referred to the Hongkong statement "that which there could hardly be better information."

Sir John went on: "As is generally known, during the past weeks there has been no pressure on the China Stabilisation Fund and confidence in the National Currency remains unshaken. Control, however, temporarily withdrew its support on Wednesday in order to allow the exchange value of the dollar to be adjusted to a better economic level and, thereby, bring the balance of trade into equilibrium."

Sir John recalled a similar step taken last June and said that when the level of 8d. was found, it was successfully maintained for twelve months.

It was confidently believed that the new level had now been found and could be strongly held. Many goods previously imported into China were now being made at home and a favourable harvest, which was forecast by all reports, would also contribute towards reduced imports. Arrangements had been completed so that the government's requirements of foreign exchange for munitions and other supplies had been taken care of and would not come on the exchange market.

Finally, as the Stabilisation Fund had now been strengthened and further efforts to broaden the basis of the Fund had been successful, the ability of the authorities to maintain exchange could not be questioned.

It was further emphasised that despite the present adjustment in exchange level, National currency would continue to retain the confidence of the people because its free convertibility was at all times assured.—Reuter.

Spanish Loan Rumours Are Denied

LONDON, June 13.

In the House of Commons to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, answering the Labour Member, Mr. Bellinger, said he had no information regarding negotiations for a loan to Spain being organised by an international undertaking operating from Brussels.

"The consent of His Majesty's Government would be necessary before British funds could be used in this way," he said.

The Chancellor referred Mr. Bellinger to a previous statement in which he had announced that no British financial interests were associated with such an undertaking.—United Press.

Britain Suggests Conciliatory Court

LONDON, June 13.

IT HAS BEEN disclosed that Britain intends to propose the establishment of a special conciliatory Court in the Tientsin Concession, composed of one Briton, one Japanese and one neutral member, to avert the Japanese blockade and to prevent aggravation of the tension.

The Court will decide whether the four Chinese demanded by the Japanese should be extradited.

If Japan refuses to accept this proposal Britain will urgently consider means of coping with the blockade which will confront Britain with a very difficult situation in the Sino-Japanese war.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the British Cabinet were discussing the Tientsin problem to-day.—United Press.

CZECHS' DRAMATIC ESCAPE FROM GERMANS

WARSAW, June 13.

IT was revealed to-day how President Benes' brother, Wozata Benes, his wife and three Czech generals, smuggled themselves across the Polish frontier from the Czech protectorate by living for two days in a sealed railway freight car.

Czech Customs officials aided them to escape.

Herr Benes and his wife are at present in Warsaw while the Generals, whose names are a closely guarded secret, remain in Cracow.

According to the story of the escape which was revealed to-day, Benes and his party quietly made their way to the Polish frontier where for two weeks they attempted to persuade the Czech Customs Guards to aid them.

The Guards were sympathetic but realised the difficulties were multiplied by the fact that the five escapees were all elderly people and therefore could not "run for it."

They finally hit upon a plan. On Saturday the Guards slipped the party into a freight car at a deserted part of the frontier, gave them a supply of food and a couple of pillows. They then sealed the car which, a few hours later, was switched on to a freight train headed for Poland.

The train safely crossed the border and dropped the sealed car at Polish station of Ciszyn.

On Monday morning the freight yard workers heard shouts and knocking emanating from the car which they opened, and released the five escapees. They were all very weak but apparently little the worse for their trip.—United Press.

Mystery Talks In Prague

Prague, June 13.
The Reich Minister of Justice, Doctor Franz Guertner, arrived in Prague to-day and entered into conversations with Reich Minister Von Neurath.

The purpose of the visit has not been revealed.

There has been great perturbation in Prague on account of the number of criminal murders during the past few days, five women having been murdered.

In addition the murders of several women during the past several weeks remain unsolved.—United Press.

Salvaging The Centurian

LONDON, June 13.
The Postmaster General announces that salvage of the Imperial Airways air liner Centurian is proceeding. The Calcutta mail will be dried and forwarded as it is recovered.—Reuter.

Divers' Difficulties

Calcutta, June 13.
Divers and dock officials are experiencing difficulty in raising the Centurian. The tail of the machine was sticking out of the water yesterday but it submerged when the flying boat shifted about 200 yards during the night.—Reuter Bulletin.

Workers' Plight In Pootung

Chungking, June 13.
A Shanghai message states that 600 workers of the British-owned China factory at Pootung are in dire plight as a result of the Japanese authorities' refusal to let the factory to reopen.

The workers are now appealing to various public bodies in Shanghai for help.—Central News.

PLIGHT OF REFUGEES No Home For 800 Germans

LONDON, JUNE 13.

MR. TOM WILLIAMS, THE LABOUR MEMBER, ASKED THE HOME SECRETARY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WHETHER HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN DRAWN TO THE PLIGHT OF 800 GERMAN REFUGEES ON BOARD THE STEAMER ST. LOUIS WHICH HAD NOW RETURNED TO EUROPEAN WATERS.

Captain Peake, Under-Secretary for the Home Office, stressed that it was of first importance that arrangements for the emigration of refugees should proceed under an orderly programme but in the present case it appeared that there were exceptional circumstances which might justify the admission to England of a proportion of these refugees pending arrangements for their ultimate emigration, and plans were being made accordingly. He understood that the governments of Belgium and Holland were also willing to take a share in providing a temporary asylum.

Capt. Peake emphasised that the special governments in this case could not be regarded as a precedent.—Reuter Special.

Special Arrangements

LONDON, June 13.
In the House of Commons to-day the Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Home Office told the Labour member, Mr. Tom Williams, that special arrangements have been made to permit a proportion of the refugees on the steamship St. Louis to land in Britain.

"This cannot be regarded as a precedent for the reception in future of refugees who may leave Germany before definite arrangements have been made for their admission elsewhere," he said.—United Press.

LATEST BLOCKADE BEGINS

TIENTSIN, JUNE 14.

THE THREATENED JAPANESE BLOCKADE OF THE BRITISH CONCESSION IN TIENTSIN BEGAN AT 6 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, WHEN ARMED FORCES WERE STATIONED AT ALL ENTRANCES AND EXITS TO THE CONCESSION.

—UNITED PRESS.

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LADY CUNLIFFE-OWEN SUED BY ARTIST:

SAID MICE MIGHT EAT PORTRAITS

LADY CUNLIFFE-OWEN, wife of Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, contested a claim brought by an artist in the King's Bench Division recently for the balance of an alleged agreed fee.

She complained that portraits of her two step-daughters were painted on board left over from the roofing of a barn at her residence, Sunningdale Park, Berks, instead of on canvas.

The claimant, Mr. Leo Spiridon Delitz, of Greeneroff Gardens, Hampstead, stated to be a well-known painter in Vienna, who was on a visit to England at the time of the Anschluss and had not returned since, sought to recover £212 10s.

Mr. C. R. Havers, K.C., for the plaintiff, said that according to Mr. Delitz he was commissioned by Lady Cunliffe-Owen to paint the portraits at an agreed fee of 125 guineas for each and £50 was paid on account.

Lady Cunliffe-Owen's defence was that she commissioned Mr. Delitz to paint the portraits in oil on canvas at a fee of £100 for each, and an agreement to pay a further £50 if, after the portraits were painted, she considered them exceptionally good.

She complained that the portraits were painted on board and there had been a suggestion that they were partly in oil and partly water. There was no foundation for the latter suggestion, which, he understood, was no longer persisted in.

ALLEGATION UNFOUNDED
Mr. Gilbert Paull, K.C. (for Lady Cunliffe-Owen): That allegation was made because "certain" opinions which we received, but we are satisfied that the portraits were in fact painted in oil.

Mr. Havers said it was also part of Lady Cunliffe-Owen's defence that she had the right to reject the portraits and be repaid the £50. She now counterclaimed for that amount.

Mr. Delitz admitted that Essex Board left over after the roofing of the barn at Sunningdale Park was used for the portraits, and would say that Lady Cunliffe-Owen knew this at the time and raised no objection. The plaintiff had been a painter in Vienna for 35 years, and a member of the Viennese Academy since 1912. His works were hung in numerous galleries in Vienna.

FAMOUS PATRONS

Among distinguished Austrians whom he had painted were Countess Starhemberg and Dr. Schuchner, the former Austrian Chancellor, counsel continued. Mr. Delitz had a picture exhibited in this year's Royal Academy in London.

After Mr. Delitz had prepared a sketch of each picture he was commissioned to paint them at a fee of 125 guineas each, Mr. Havers said. At no time was there a discussion about the material upon which he was to paint them.

FEARED MICE DAMAGE

Lady Cunliffe-Owen was present almost every day while he was painting the first portrait, which was finished on April 24, and it was not until May 2, when he started the second, that she made any complaint about the board.

She said that if the picture fell down it might get a hole in it. Mr. Delitz explained that a hole in board was more easily mended than a hole in canvas.

When Lady Cunliffe-Owen said that the mice might get at it and that it would not last, he said that he would repair any damage free of charge.

Eventually she said she would accept the pictures, but added, "I don't advise you to use it for other people. They would not like it because it is cheap." He replied that it was the best thing for large pictures.

When Mr. Delitz gave evidence Mr. Justice Singleton left his seat to inspect the first portrait, and asked, "Did Lady Cunliffe-Owen like it before you put the dog in or after?"

Mr. Delitz: The dog was sketched in. "You are not proud of the dog, are you?" asked the judge, amid laughter.

Mr. Delitz replied that he was not, because the dog looked "wooden." He added that Lady Cunliffe-Owen used to bring guests into the studio "to show what nice pictures are being painted."

"NOT A REFUGEE"

Further questioned, Mr. Delitz said that while he was painting the second portrait Lady Cunliffe-Owen discussed with him the possibility of mice damaging the board. He assured her there were no mice in the house and "everything was all right."

Mr. Paull: Did you ask Lady Cunliffe-Owen to keep the portraits as you hoped to get your wife and children over to this country from Austria?

Mr. Delitz: There is no clarity in this case; I am not a refugee. I can go back to Austria at any moment. The hearing was adjourned.

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Dr. Joseph Goebbels, German Propaganda Minister, right, is greeted in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, by Dr. Cincar-Markovic, Foreign Minister, during Dr. Goebbels' Near East diplomatic tour.

Million Engineers To Get Higher Pay

ONE MILLION engineering workers—many of them engaged in armament—are to receive an increase of 2s. a week in the national bonus.

This agreement on the unions' claims for higher pay was reached recently after a five-hour talk in London between the unions and the Engineering and Allied Employers' National Federation.

EMPIRE NEWS

MINESWEEPERS FOR WALVIS BAY

Cape Town. It was revealed in the House of Assembly that the Government intended to strengthen the defences of Walvis Bay, in South-West Africa, by allotting a number of trawlers for minesweeping and seaward defence.

Financial assistance would be given to the South-West African Administration for the formation of an active citizen force unit, and for the resuscitation of rifle associations. It was recently announced that Walvis Bay would be made "bullet-proof" with 0.2 guns. Although situated in South-West Africa, Walvis Bay forms part of Cape Province. It was British before the war and can, therefore, be fortified, whereas the surrounding mandated territory cannot.

INDIA RURAL MEDICAL AID IN BHOPAL

Calcutta. A scheme for the provision of rural medical aid on a scale never yet attained in India has been prepared by Lt.-Col. Qadr, Abdur Rahman, Chief Health Officer, for the consideration of the Bhopal Government. There is little doubt that it will be adopted.

The plan aims at providing a dispensary for every 5,000 people in the State and a hospital for every 40,000. Communal Riots—The police were forced to fire in self-defence where serious communal rioting occurred at Vellore in South India. The District Magistrate of North Arcot and the District Superintendent of Police—both Indians—were injured.

NEW ZEALAND SUCCESS OF RAILCAR SERVICES

Wellington. A new railcar service has begun between New Plymouth and Wellington. The general manager of railways, Mr. G. H. Mackley, states that the two services already in operation in the Dominion have met with increasing popularity. As this new railcar is of an improved type, the Department is confident of its success.

The first service to be started was that which connects Palmerston North and the Wairarapa with Wellington, through the Manawatu Gorge and the Rimutaka incline, where the grade rises 14 ft in every 14 ft over a distance of three miles. The second service connects Christchurch with Hokitika and Greymouth, through the 5 1/4 miles of the Otira tunnel.

Air Force Officer Killed.—An officer of the Royal New Zealand Air Force was killed and two others were badly burned when a Vickers "Vildebeest" machine crashed into a tree on the boundary of Wigram aerodrome recently.

Girl Stages Own Art Show

AT the Redfern Gallery, 20, Cork Street, W.1, Miss Ursula McCannell has her first solo exhibition at the age of fifteen.

Miss McCannell was elected a member of the Women's International Art Club when 13, and her earliest pictures in the present show display remarkable precocity.

The technical ability apparent in some of these pictures is disturbing. They are smooth, finished, decorative, fit for the Royal Academy, and rather empty.

But Miss McCannell has passed through the Royal Academy stage. Her latest work is more serious and more sincere.

ITALIAN INFLUENCE

She has been influenced by Italian painting, has looked at El Greco, and has liked Augustus John. She is attempting unpromising subjects—she seems pre-occupied with far from pretty Semitic heads. As her work loses its smoothness, gains in life, but they are experiments in the right direction. She could easily be a successful painter. Fortunately she has decided to try to be a good one.

New Guinea To Be Fortified

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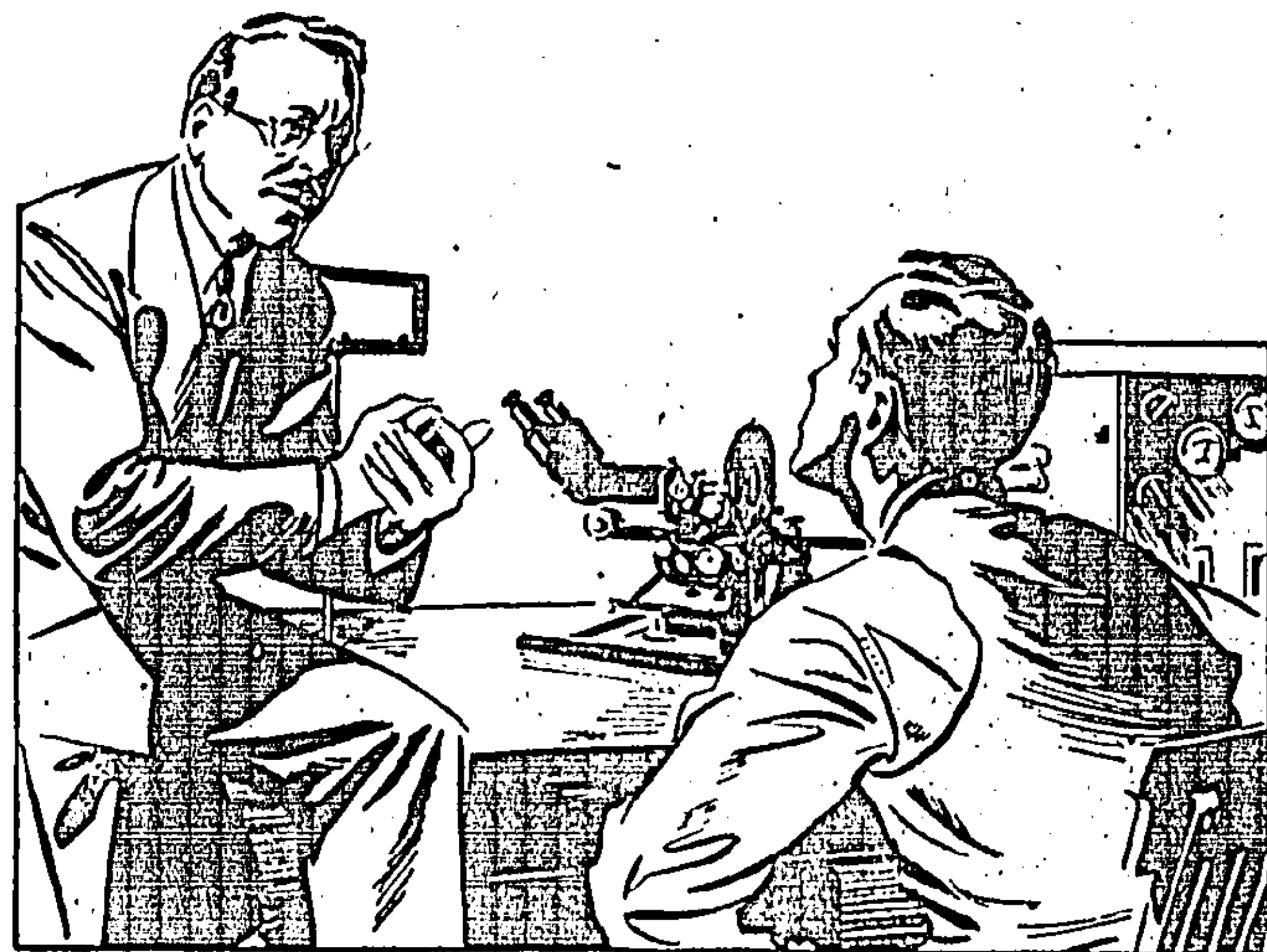
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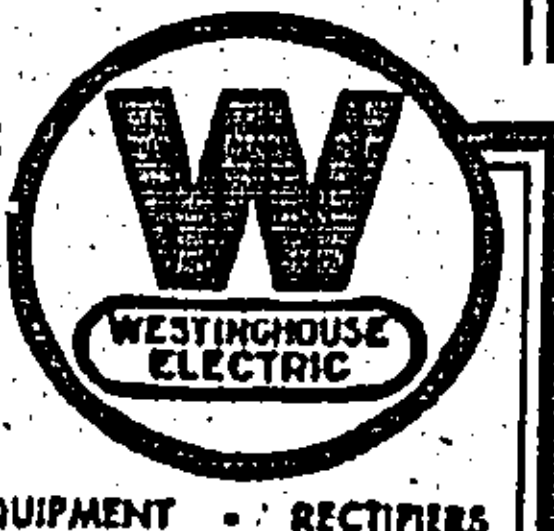
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MOTHER OF QUADS IS TIRED OF BABIES

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IN the last three years more than 2,000 people have visited New Zealand's quadruplets. Now their mother, Mrs. G. Johnson, of Dunedin, has decided to ban all visitors until they are five years old.

"I'm tired of children," she said. "When I see a baby in a pram I'm not even interested in what it looks like. When friends tell me about their babies I scarcely remember if they're boys or girls. That's the result of having four at a time. Mine are lovely babies, of course, and I love them with all my heart. But I don't want any more."

Nature Good As Pied Piper

RAYMOND, Ore. This city has accidentally discovered the ideal way to rid a city of rats—provided the city is sufficiently near the sea. All that is necessary is to have a flood that will inundate all the basements and ground floors forcing all rats into the open, whereupon sea gulls will do the rest. They seize and duck the rats. Raymond is now ratless.

Caterpillars Died of Heat In Ice-Box

SIXTY-FIVE caterpillars, sent to Australia in a sealed tin aboard the Imperial Airways flying-boat Champion, which left Southampton recently for Sydney, did not survive the 10,000 mile journey to Canberra.

The caterpillars, gathered from oak trees, were to multiply and destroy St. John's wort, a weed dangerous to sheep. "We hoped to keep the caterpillars alive by maintaining a temperature of about 40 degrees in the vacuum flask inside the sealed tin," Mr. S.

Proposed Monument To Columbus

NASSAU. Mr. George MacDonald, a prominent New York Roman Catholic, Lady Williams-Taylor, wife of the Canadian banker, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, and Mr. Harold Christie, an architect, recently flew to San Salvador, one of the Bahamas, to inspect the site proposed for the monument to Christopher Columbus.

The land first sighted by Columbus when he discovered the New World in 1492, was San Valador, and last October the Governor of the Bahamas, the Hon. C. C. Dundas, suggested that British and American visitors to the Bahamas should contribute to a suitable monument to the discoverer at San Valador.

Garbide, of the Australian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, said.

"To do this," he said, "we placed the box in the ice-box of the flying-boat, and arranged with Imperial Airways that they should have supplies of ice available at the stations where the flying-boat stopped on the way."

"When the tin was opened the maximum thermometer in the vacuum flask showed that at some point during the journey the temperature had gone up to 70 degrees."

Mr. Garbide, who is stationed at the Imperial Institute of Entomology, Farnham Royal, is going to try again.

Stage Declares War On Bogus Manager

ACTORS and actresses—members of the British Actors' Equity Association—recently declared war on the bogus theatrical manager who leaves companies stranded in provincial towns.

They approved the principle of setting up a Provincial Theatre Council, which will register all artists and managers

and have the power to "black-list" managers with bad records. The council will have the power, where necessary, to require the payment of deposits as a guarantee of salaries.

They also approved a provincial contract, with a minimum salary of £2 10s. a week. Where higher salaries had been paid, the higher figures would be recognised.

Rehearsal money would be paid at the rate of £1 a week, repayable by instalments; the number of students would be limited to 20 per cent. When a play was broadcast or televised, half the amount received by the manager must be divided among those taking part.

75 WERE THERE

It was an attempt by the theatrical profession to get a "closed" theatre. But there were only about 75 people in the room at the Savoy Hotel which Equity had engaged.

They took three hours to "approve in principle" the war on the bogus manager. And even then Mr. Godfrey Tearle (president) had to close the meeting while several members were clamouring to speak.

Mistletoe Bough Chest

THE Mistletoe Bough chest, in which, says tradition, a bride of an hour lost her life during a game of hide and seek four centuries ago, was sold at Christie's recently.

The chest is one of 143 treasures from the W. R. Hearst collection at St. Donat's, Castle included in the sale.

Miss Alice M. Head, who is in charge of the disposal of Mr. Hearst's English estate, said: "Visitors to the castle showed such curiosity about the chest that we had the story printed as it is told in the old ballad 'The Mistletoe Bough,' by Thomas Haines Bayly, and presented each guest with a copy."

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Fugitive Takes To Mule

GAFFNEY, S. C. — Cherokee county police caught and arrested a man charged with bootlegging, but only after a lengthy chase. The bootlegger was attempting to escape on a mule, but the officers ran faster than the animal and made the arrest.



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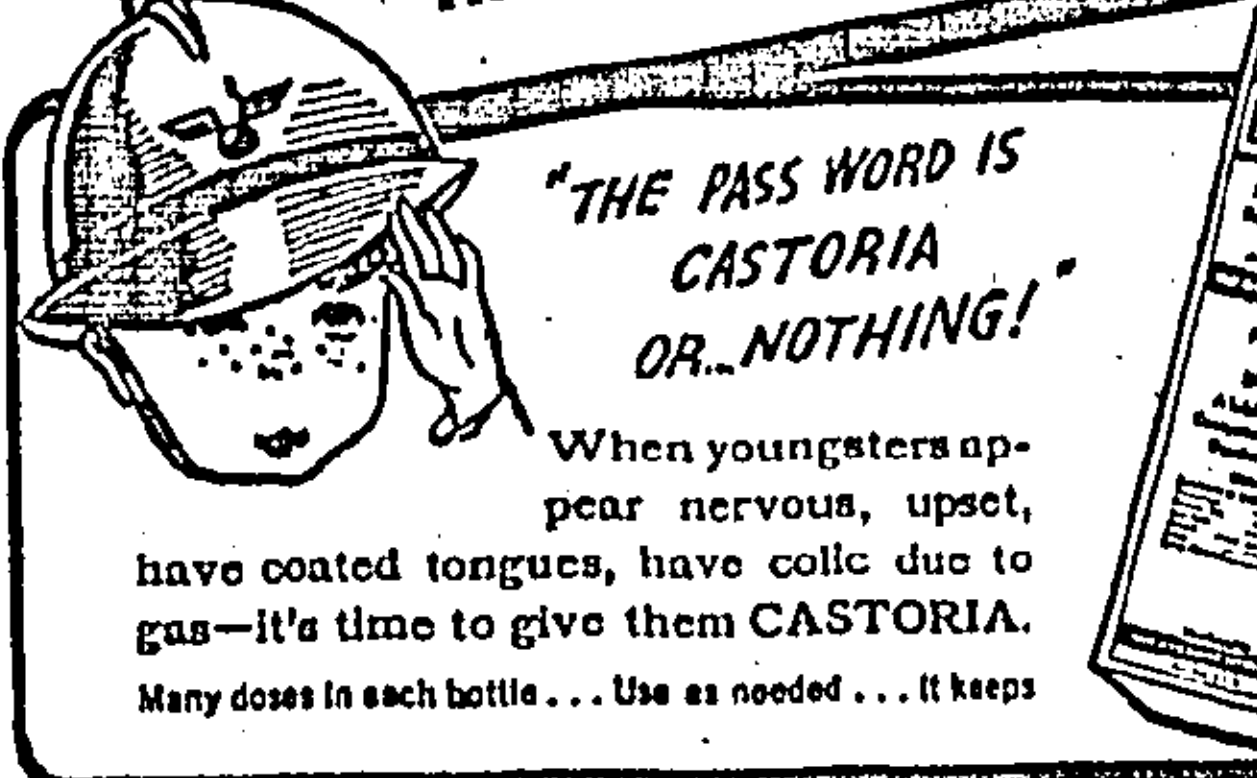
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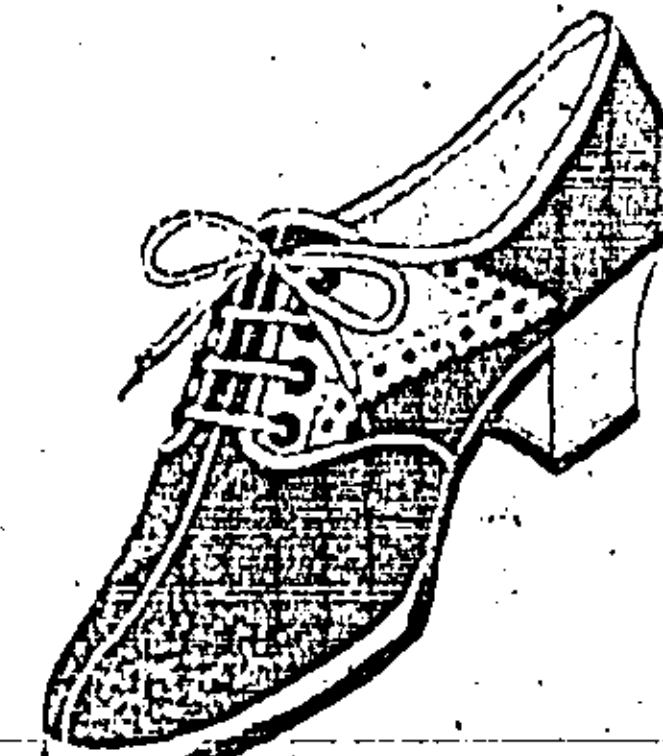
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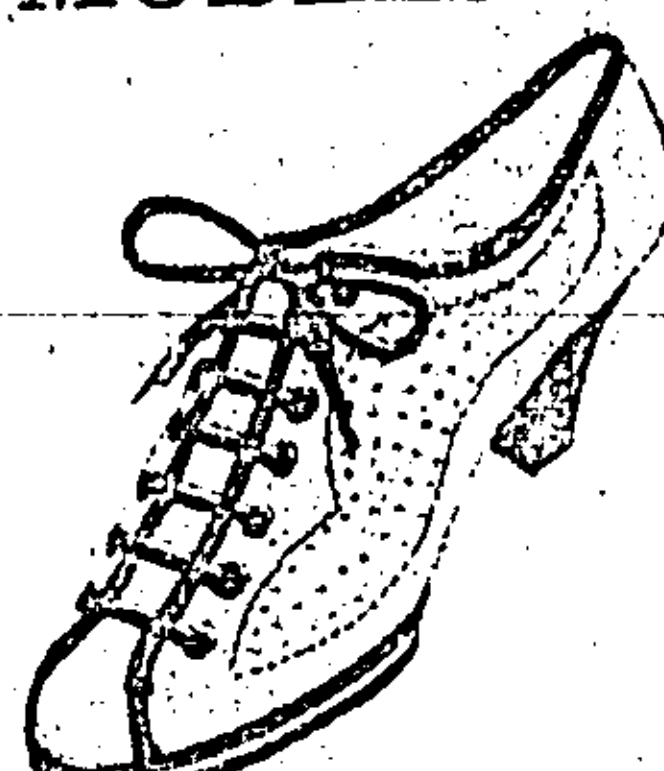
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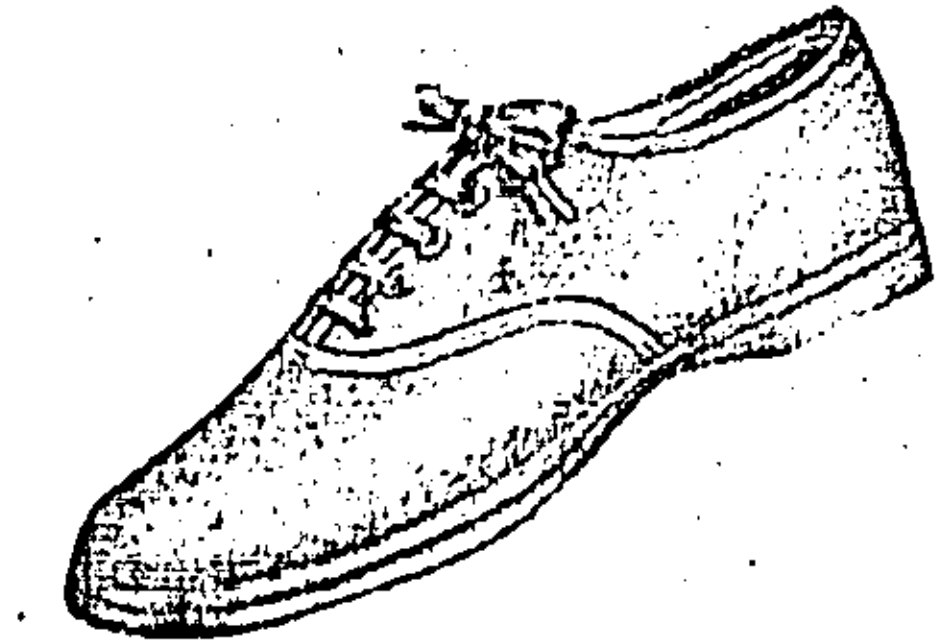
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H.K. Bank \$1,375
Union Ins. \$445
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Canton Ice \$1.10
H.K. Ropes \$3.70
Dairy Farms (New) \$21
Wing On (H.K.) \$41
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Entertainments \$6.80
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MR. BUTLER TELLS THE COMMONS

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with either by handing over the culprit to the de facto authorities, by trial, or by expulsion from the Concession.

"The four men in question were arrested before the issue of the proclamation. In the absence of evidence connecting them with the crime, other than their own confession made in the custody of the Japanese—and as they alleged, under torture—the British Government have not felt justified in giving instructions for them to be handed over to the local district office. This attitude is in accordance with the practice followed for the past twenty-two months.

"The British Consul General accordingly informed his Japanese colleague on June 7 that the four men would be held by him pending the production of further evidence, failing which, they would be eventually expelled from the Concession. Two other men found in possession of bombs would be handed over and, henceforth, offenders would be dealt with as announced in the proclamation.

The Japanese have intimated that they consider this reply unsatisfactory and certain measures have already been taken to effect the removal of Japanese business houses and employees of the de facto Chinese authorities from the Concession and to isolate it. The situation is serious but negotiations are still proceeding and it is hoped that a settlement can be reached."

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Grave Results Envisaged
Mr. F. J. Noel-Baker asked if Government would explain to the Japanese that their present persistent action against the International Concession was one which must lead to the gravest results if it were to continue.

Mr. Butler replied that he thought the Japanese authorities were aware of the British Government's attitude as he had described it in the answer just given to the House.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether it had not been the custom in the past and whether it would not be possible in the future, to establish a court or to send these men to one of the courts within the British Concession where they could be tried with all the evidence.

Mr. Butler replied that there were particular circumstances in this case and he was quite sure that every possibility had been considered.

Mr. F. J. Bellenger said he and the House would welcome a satisfactory statement that the British Government would not tolerate what the Japanese had stated they would do, namely, blockade the British Concession in Tientsin.

Mr. Baker thought that Mr. Bellenger had better refer to the last sentence of his answer stating that the situation was serious but negotiations were still going on.

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TIENTSIN DEMANDS MET CLAIM JAPANESE

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authorities to recognise the new situation in China.

No Intervention
Informed quarters declare that intervention in the Tientsin situation by any third Powers would also be stoutly rejected by Japan, while the Japanese authorities are opposed to any possible international conference for settling the present issue—Domest.

Tientsin Exodus
Peiping, June 13.
Women and children of British and other nationalities not wanting to be locked up during the present intense heat, took part in a big exodus from Tientsin, many going to the seaside at Peitaiho and Shangkaiwan and others to Peiping.

The Japanese Press announces that only those on official business in the Concession will be allowed to pass without being searched. The Japanese military spokesman at Peiping stated that foodstuffs would be allowed freely to enter the Concession—Reuter.

Franco For Rome

Rome, June 13.
General Franco is visiting Rome at the end of September according to a message from Burgos.—Reuter Bulletin.

New German Cruiser

Berlin, June 13.
The fifth German 10,000-ton cruiser to be launched will be the Bremen on July 1.—Reuter Bulletin.

Polish Economic Mission

Warsaw, June 13.
The Polish economic mission headed by the former Finance Minister, left for London to discuss the question of financial co-operation between Poland and Britain.—Reuter Bulletin.

Herr Hitler At Berchtesgaden

Berlin, June 13.
Herr Hitler is en route to Berchtesgaden where he is expected to stay several weeks or, possibly, two months.—Reuter.

Zoo Inmates Do Their Bit

Tokyo.
Animals in the Tokyo zoos are being forced to do their bit to help Japan win the war against China. The animals are fed fish instead of meat, because fish is cheaper.

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date, 7th June.	San Francisco Pan American Airways Plane	June 14.
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Manila	Corneville	June 15.
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(Vancouver B.C. date, 27th May).	Emp. of Russia	June 15.
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Direct Service—London date, 10th	Imperial Airways Plane	June 15.
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Direct Service—London date, 14th	Imperial Airways Plane	June 19.
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Calcutta and Straits	Anshun	June 21.
Manila	Bellerophon	June 21.
Japan	Boiseseval	June 21.
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Swatow	Holchow	Thurs. June 15, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Soochow	Thurs. June 15, 2 p.m.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"		
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Swatow	Hangyang	Fri. June 16, 12.30 p.m.
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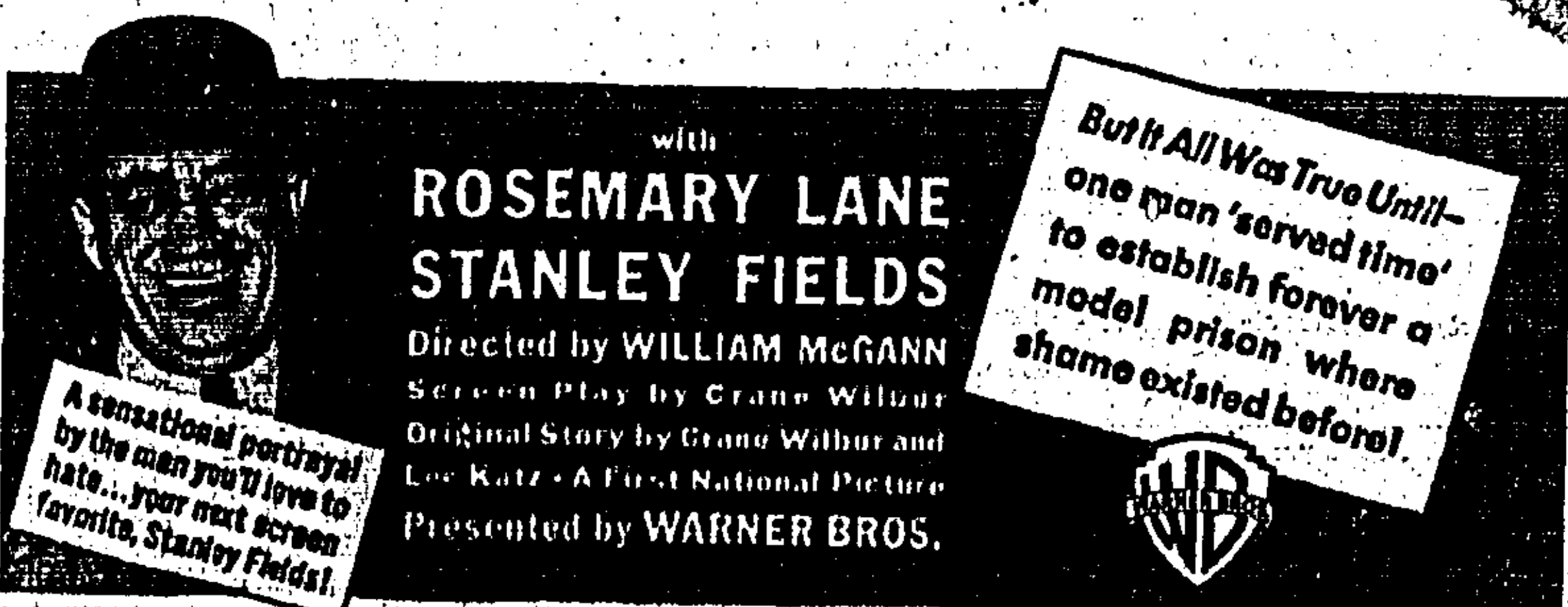
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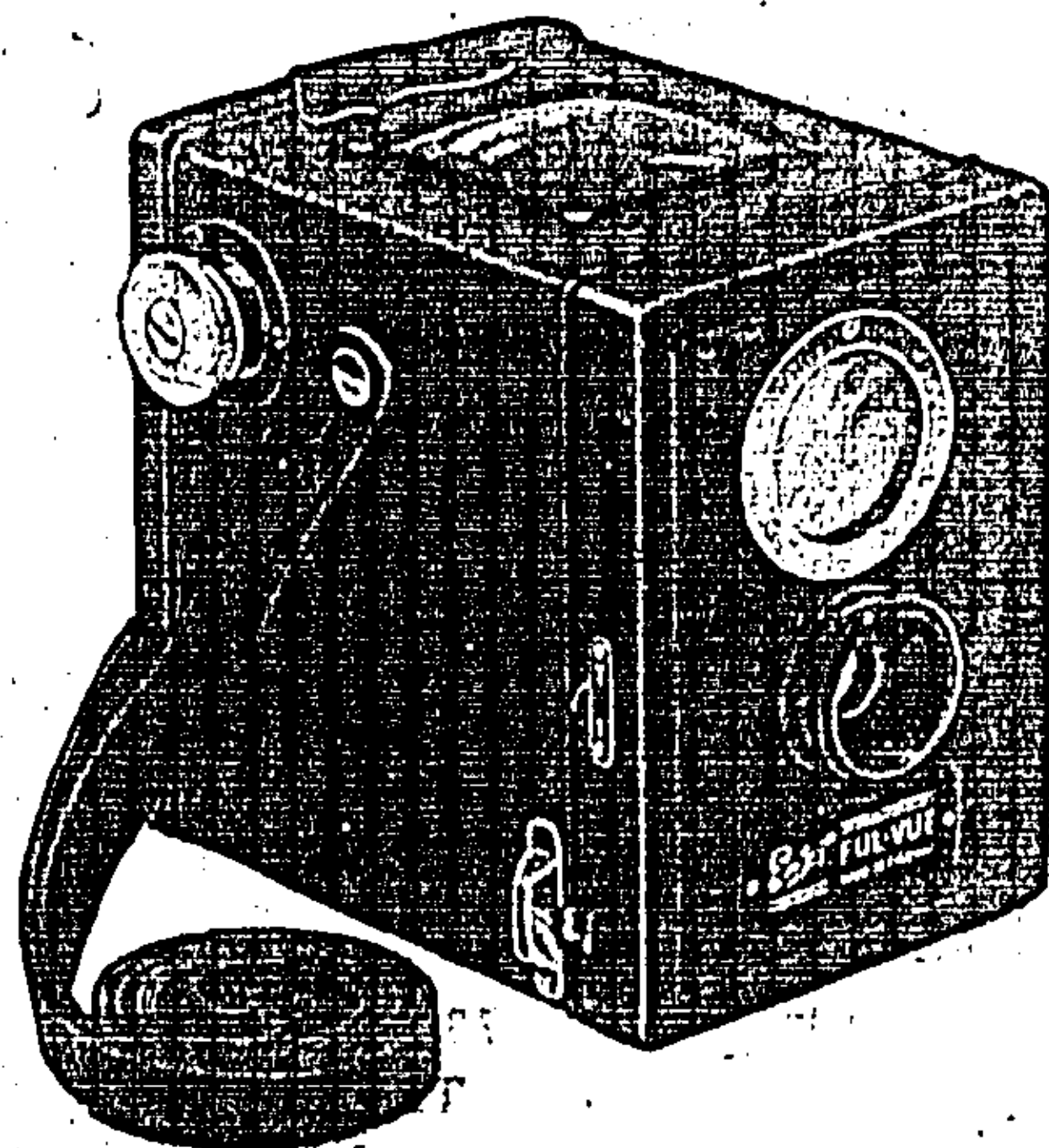
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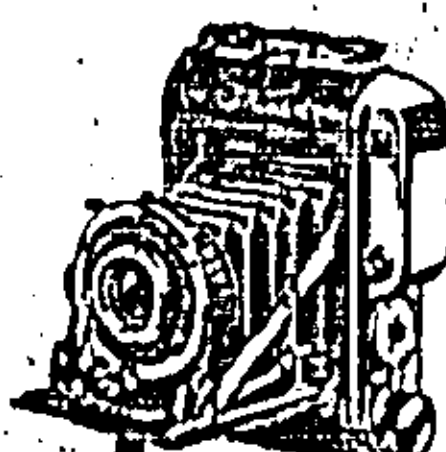
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Warning To Japan

The Japanese blockade of the
 British Concession in Tientsin
 officially came into operation this
 morning, and no one can con-
 template the eventual outcome
 of this action with anything but
 alarm. The future of all foreign
 Concessions in China may well be
 in the melting pot. Japan has
 not attempted to hide her inten-
 tions, which include the virtual
 elimination of the Western
 Powers as powerful political and
 commercial factors in China. The
 blockade of Tientsin with,
 presumably, the final object of
 acquiring control of the foreign
 settlements, may be the signal
 for the attempted realisation of
 Japan's ultimate aspirations.

The importance of the Tien-
 tsin blockade is more-futurable
 than immediate, and any success
 which the Japanese may gain in
 this project is likely to mean
 more to them psychologically
 than materially. Japan places
 greater importance on securing
 control of the Shanghai Interna-
 tional Settlement than in bring-
 ing the British Concession in
 Tientsin to its knees, but in
 achieving the latter she will
 gain confidence in attempting
 the former. Lord Elibank's
 warning in the House of Lords
 on Monday that the Japanese
 were planning a coup in Shang-
 hai for July 7 may have been
 prompted more by a sense of
 the dramatic than by a knowledge
 of facts, but his statement acquires
 particular significance when it is
 considered together with the
 persistent Japanese hints, both
 official and inspired.

The shorter view is that the
 Japanese action in Tientsin is
 yet another gesture; a stupid,
 arrogant expression of Japan's
 contempt for the Western
 Powers, and of her now violent
 dislike of Britain. It is hard to
 believe Japan is deliberately
 goading Britain and her friends
 into armed retaliatory action,
 particularly as the China Inci-
 dent has gone anything but to
 plan. On the other hand, Japan
 cannot expect the affected
 foreign Powers to remain in-
 different for an indefinite time.
 Britain's attitude throughout the
 China war has been exemplary.
 She has endeavoured to meet
 Japan more than half-way over
 every issue. Japan's reply has
 been to press more and more
 demands, and to add insult to
 insult.

Public and parliamentary
 opinion in England naturally is
 hardening to a dangerous degree.
 Japan, no matter how legitimate
 she considers her East Asia
 aspirations, should endeavour to
 deal with the many problems
 which her actions have created
 in an intelligent and conciliatory
 manner. Blockades of, and mili-

I do know, however, that the
 Russian naval base in the Bal-
 tic, Kronstadt, is the most secret
 naval dockyard in the world. No
 civilian is allowed to live
 there unless he has special police
 permission, no Russian, unless
 he is an official, is allowed to
 visit Kronstadt, and no foreigner
 has ever been there since Stalin
 has been in power.

Russia fought hard to retain
 Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania,
 but these new States, helped
 with British and French war
 material, defeated the Bolshe-
 viks, as we called the Russian
 Army in those days.

Now the threat to the inde-
 pendence of these new Baltic
 States is believed to have shifted
 from east to west, and Rus-
 sia's Baltic interests compel her,
 so as to avoid having a common
 frontier with Germany, to help
 retain the independence of these
 Baltic countries, and to keep
 them as buffer-States.

In a Vice

NOW we come to Po-
 land. Look at the
 map of the Baltic and you will
 see Poland's interests. The fall
 of Austria and Czechoslovakia
 began the German encirclement
 of Poland; the annexation of
 Memelland, a part of Lithuania,
 continued it; if Germany an-
 nexes the remainder of
 Lithuania, Poland will be held in
 a powerful German vice.

The Danzig question is a mat-
 ter of current politics, and all
 I would say under this heading
 is that, having watched the
 gradual infiltration of German
 interests back into this former
 German Baltic Port, I am at a
 loss to understand how anybody
 can have any reasonable doubt
 that Germany, either by direct
 negotiation with Poland or by a
 coup de force, will fail to reunite
 Eastern Prussia with Germany
 proper, via the Danzig bridge.

Denmark preserved her neu-
 trality through four years of
 hell and secured for herself the
 province of Schleswig, which was
 returned to her after the Allies
 held a plebiscite in the territory
 Germany held.

Denmark to-day consists of
 17,144 square miles of territory
 and a population which is in-
 ferior to that of London, but,
 remark this, the coastline of Den-
 mark is equal to the coastline of
 France!

Objections may be raised that
 this length coastline includes the
 islands which abound round the
 coast; it does, but the islands
 have to be defended, as has the
 mainland, if defended it can be.
 But can it?

Denmark has an Army con-
 sisting of about 100,000 men.
 So far as foreign policy is con-
 cerned, Denmark stands in with
 her northern neighbours, Nor-
 way and Sweden, and latterly

A PREMIER SPEAKS FOR THE SEVEN COUNTRIES OF THE BALTIC

"If only we can stay neutral..."

THE Prime Minister of one of the Baltic countries—
 political considerations compel him to remain
 anonymous—said to me the other day: "We are
 preparing to defend ourselves; all of us around the Baltic
 are doing so, but we do not regard the situation quite
 in the grave manner that other nations have perhaps the
 right to do.

"We shall protect our independence and we hope to retain
 our neutrality, realising, however, that our riches, acquired by
 hard work and not by any other means, may attract an envious
 neighbour less happily placed.

"The future of the Baltic countries," he added significantly,
 "depends on British sea power."

That Premier's view I found corroborated many times during
 the tour I have just made of the Baltic countries.

In reviewing the situation here I would like to write first
 about the Baltic interests of Russia and Poland. No layman
 knows the real sea power of the Russian Fleet.

by
**HARRY
 GREENWALL**

Finland has moved into this
 orbit and away from the Baltic
 entente, which consists of
 Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Nazis in Denmark

THERE is a sharp divi-
 sion between the four
 Baltic countries and the group
 of three, and I can find no evi-
 dence whatsoever that all seven
 will group themselves together.

Although all declare their one
 interest is defence of indepen-
 dence and neutrality, the group of
 three looks to Poland for protec-
 tion, and the group of four—to
 Great Britain, although none
 will affirm this officially.

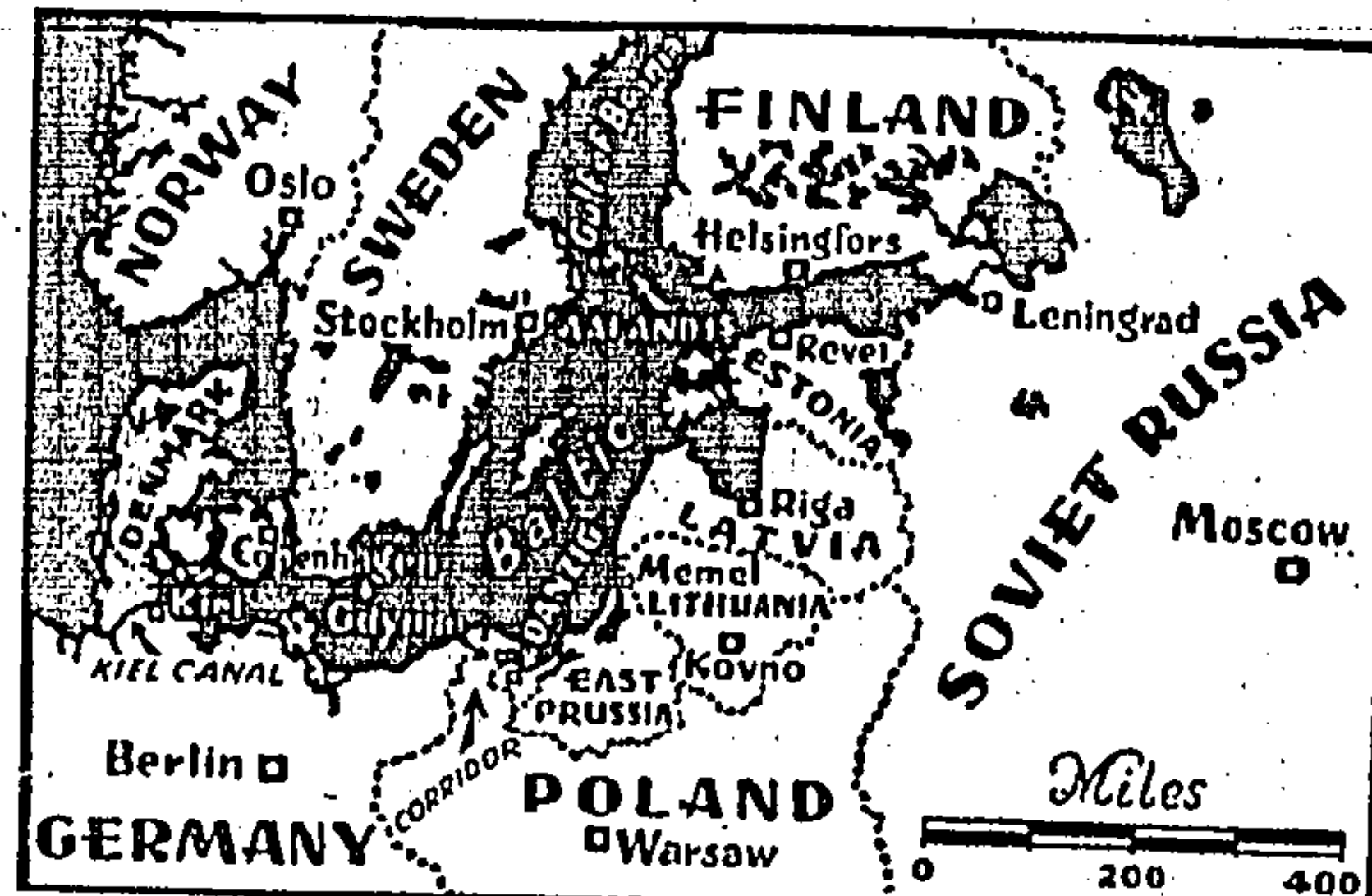
Official spokesmen in Copen-
 hagen "play down" the activities
 of the Danish Nazi Party, which
 polled 30,000 in the recent
 Danish election, and point out
 that this poll was not important,
 in consideration of the fact that
 only half of the population voted,
 on a universal suffrage ballot.

It is agreed here that German
 propaganda is active in Den-
 mark, and that wherever there
 is a German minority there is
 danger; but still, officially at
 least, there is no present fear.

I put this question to a Danish
 diplomat; "If Hitler demanded
 that your Premier Mr. Thorvald
 Stauning, goes to see him, what
 then?"

"He would not go," was
 the reply.

Lithuania was in the news
 some time ago when Germany
 walked in an annexed a slice of
 the country and became the
 possessor of Memel, probably



the finest and most modern com-
 mercial port of its size in North-
 ern Europe.

Look at the map and see how
 the big guns Germany is at this
 moment mounting in Memel are
 going to be useful in controlling
 a big section of the Baltic. Then
 there is the submarine base as
 well.

Has Germany any other poten-
 tial interests in Lithuania which
 may influence a final decision?

She most undoubtedly has, but
 these interests are economic and
 not political. Long before the
 coming of Hitler the Germans
 were hard at work in the new
 Baltic States selling German
 goods, establishing German
 banks, and opening German
 schools.

During the past four years
 British trade in the new Baltic
 countries has improved; in
 Estonia, for instance, imports
 from Great Britain have doubled
 themselves during the period I
 have mentioned. British pres-
 tige in the Baltic is as high
 to-day, as it has been in the
 past. The prospects for British
 trade in the future are very
 bright, unless...

Unless the German pressure
 on the Baltic countries forming
 a buffer between Germany and
 Russia is increased so much
 that breaking-point is reached.

Germany wants these coun-
 tries to sell all their produce to
 her and take German manufac-
 tured goods in exchange, not
 cash.

If these countries surrender,
 unemployment in Great Britain
 will increase. These countries
 are mainly agricultural, export-
 ing to Great Britain; I know
 many of my friends will aver
 that if exports from the Baltic
 are cut off, British farmers will
 benefit, but British exports
 trade will suffer first.

Latvia, with an area of 24,435
 square miles and a population of
 1,900,000, has a tale to tell
 which is similar to Lithuania's;
 German penetration, and latter-
 ly German pressure.

Estonia, the next-door neigh-
 bour to Russia, has an area of
 26,000 square miles and a popu-
 lation of 1,126,000.

All these three countries, the
 buffer States, fear they may be
 future German colonies. They
 have riches of the land, grand
 PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

The Money In The Zoo

By David Murphy

THE builders are in at the London
 Zoo. The famous old Elephant
 House is coming down and out of its
 ruins will arise a new building that
 is to cost £25,000. And if you think
 that is a large amount to spend on
 a building for housing animals, you
 must remember that there is big
 money in a big Zoo.

Actually, the 100-year-old Ele-

phant House was due for replace-
 ment in any case but even the large
 finances of the Zoological Society
 would not stand the strain of an
 additional £25,000 in expenditure
 without some help.

That help, in the shape of a dona-
 tion of £10,000, came from the
 Maharajah of Bhavnagar, and the
 elephants who will later revel in
 sand baths and warm sprays will
 have to thank him for his generosity.

The last report of the Zoological
 Society shows that 1,818,012 people
 visited the Regent's Park Zoo last
 year, and between them they paid
 £27,313 in entrance fees. But large
 though this figure may seem, it is
 well below that for the record year,
 1929, when there were 2,225,002
 visitors.

Entrance fees, however, do not
 constitute the Zoological Society's
 whole income. The 1938 report gave
 the total income for the London Zoo
 as £112,957, while the year's expendi-
 ture was £112,488, leaving a bal-
 ance on the right side of £469. The
 figures for Whipsnade are kept
 separately.

Where, you may ask, does all this
 money go? The answer is not diffi-
 cult when you consider some of the
 items on the expense side, quite
 apart from the large sum of money
 required to pay the salaries and
 wages of officials and keepers.

One of the largest individual items
 is food. In addition to the occupants
 of the aquarium and the reptile and
 insect houses there are some 1,030
 mammals and 1,550 birds in the Re-
 gent's Park Zoo. It costs £15,000 a
 year to feed them all.

Among other things, the animals
 last year consumed 91 tons of hay,
 100 tons of clover, 124 tons of horse-
 flesh, 9 tons of monkey nuts, 12 tons
 of bread, 4½cwt. of honey and
 244,049 bananas.

Not did the Zoo caterer's troubles
 end there, by any means.

In addition to the normal items
 of diet, he had to provide such things
 as shrimps, vitamin foods, canary
 seeds, egg-yolk, oilseeds, sea-fish for
 the fish and tons of fish for the sea-
 lions, to say nothing of the hundred-
 and-one queer foods that figure on
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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I'll be polite and speak to her—but I absolutely refuse
 to notice what she's wearing."

ANOTHER CROP OF CENTURIES IN COUNTY CRICKET

BUT ONLY FOUR ELEVENS WIN TIES OUTRIGHT WEST INDIES TOURISTS FORTUNATE AT DERBY

Another crop of centuries was produced in the County Cricket Championship programme concluded yesterday, a feature being the number of centuries who remained undefeated. Of the eight matches played in the championship, only four ended in definite results, the other four being won only on first innings.

As already reported, Yorkshire and Gloucester won by an innings over Middlesex and Essex respectively, the matches taking only two days. Surrey and Kent also completed their fixtures yesterday by beating Sussex and Leicestershire respectively, each by nine wickets.

Lancashire declared twice in an attempt to force a win against Nottingham at Manchester but had to be content with the points on first innings. After scoring 141 in reply to Hampshire's total of 304, Warwickshire made a good recovery in the follow-on, which realised 490 for five wickets.

The West Indies tourists were in a bad way against Derbyshire, but managed to hold out to a draw. At close of play the tourists were still 95 runs behind with only four wickets to fall.

Results and details of matches are cabled by Reuter.

LEADING PERFORMERS

The following were the leading performers in the programme just concluded:

BATTING

Gibbons (Worcester) v. Northants 222*

Dal Davies (Gloucester) v. Somerset 210

Leyland (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex 180*

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex 175

Dollery (Warwickshire) v. Hampshire 170

Oldfield (Lancashire) v. Nottingham 147*

Palmer (Worcester) v. Northants 141

Prentice (Leicester) v. Kent 132

Holt (Hampshire) v. Warwick 115

Brookes (Northants) v. Worcester 111*

Nutter (Lancashire) v. Nottingham 109*

Arnold (Hampshire) v. Warwick 109

Fishlock (Surrey) v. Sussex 107*

Foster (Kent) v. Leicestershire 107

Ord (Warwickshire) v. Hampshire 105*

Welch (Free Foresters) v. Cambridge 104

Emmett (Gloucester) v. Essex 90

* Denotes Not Out

BOWLING

Copson (Derby) v. West Indies 6 for 73

Bowes (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex 4 for 20



Herbert Sutcliffe still going strong despite his age.

RESULTS IN BRIEF

The following were the results of matches in the programme concluded yesterday:

Lancashire (403 for 4 decd. and 130 for 4 decd.) beat Nottingham (216 and 23 for 0) on first innings.

Surrey (354 and 221 for 1) beat Sussex (205 and 300) by nine wickets.

Hampshire (304) beat Warwickshire (141 and 400 for 5) on first innings.

Worcester (540 for 0 decd.) beat Northants (311 and 218 for 0) on first innings.

Kent (385 and 138 for 1) beat Leicestershire (201 and 231) by nine wickets.

Glamorgan (574 for 7) beat Somerset (385) on first innings.

Yorkshire (430 for 5 decd.) beat Middlesex (62 and 122) by an innings and 240 runs.

Gloucester (425) beat Essex (150 and 182) by an innings and 93 runs.

Derby (309 and 104) drew with West Indies (264 and 54 for 0).

Cambridge (339) drew with Free Foresters (287 and 202 for 3).

Here And There With "Abe"

Organised Baseball's 100th Anniversary

ORGANISED baseball in the United States celebrated its centenary on Monday when, according to United Press, "baseball's bigwigs, heroes of the past and present, and 15,000 spectators" gathered at Cooperstown to do the game honour.

Since Abner Doubleday, a cadet at West Point Military Academy, drew up the first crude rules and laid out a field for the first game of baseball, played by his former schoolmates at Cooperstown Classical and Military Academy, Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1839, the game has become popular in every part of the world. It cannot find any realer origin when it was first played in Hongkong, but it must have been many, many years ago. As a matter of fact, I think baseball was more popular in the Colony in the 20's than it seems to be now. It is difficult to account for it, but it is a fact that there were more teams participating in the League than there are now. The game took a long time to catch on in England where it was not very popular at first, but it has now come to stay, with baseball clubs springing up all over the country. The Japanese, of course, are great enthusiasts and it is only to be expected that the Filipinos took to the game like ducks to water.

scored 2,305 runs to 574 by opponents. The club won 24 more consecutive games in 1870 before being beaten by Atlantics of Brooklyn, 8 to 7, in 11 innings. The first professional league started in 1871, the National Association of Professional Ball Players, with the rules stipulating a player had to be president. The Athletics of Philadelphia won the first pennant. This was the forerunner of the National League, which, after a preliminary meeting in Louisville, came into being at the Grand Central Hotel, New York, February 2, 1876. Morgan G. Bulkeley, of Hartford, was the first president.

Highlights

SPALDING'S Chicago White Stockings and All-Stars were the first club to make a trip around the world, visiting the Orient, Australia, Egypt and Europe in the winter of 1888-89. The Players' League precipitated the Brotherhood War of 1890, ruined baseball fortunes and gave the game a severe setback.

Don Johnson changed the name of the Western League to the American League in 1900. The American League spread to the east in 1901, the National League fought to keep the invaders out and the Athletics captured Nip Lajoie, Cy Young, Flick, Burckett, Keeler and others in sensational raids.

Babe Ruth, the game's greatest drawing card, came up with the Red Sox as a pitcher in 1914—baseball did its bit in the World War. Babe Ruth, spectacular slugger, was purchased from the Red Sox by New York Yankees, and electrified baseball by hitting 54 homers for a new team in 1920, increasing his total to 59 in 1921.

Sox scandal the old Commission form of government was abolished and Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Federal Judge in Chicago, was chosen Commissioner with dictatorial powers, in December, 1920. Following sensational World's Series victories for the National League by Bill Terry's Giants in 1933 and the "Gas House" Cardinals in 1934, the American League captured four straight World's Series, for the fourth time, in 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938, the Yankees establishing a new record by winning three straight games.

Fabulous Salaries

AS in the case of cricket and soccer in England, the leading baseball players in the United States are professionals. But unlike cricket and soccer stars in the Home Country, who, even the best of them, have fixed scales of pay, the top-ranking baseball players of America can virtually command their own salaries. They hold out for, and some of them, get fees which must make the mouths of many English cricket and soccer stars water. Imagine getting U.S. \$30,000 or \$40,000 for a season of baseball! Now take the case of the 22 players in a recent International soccer match at Hampden Park between England and Scotland which attracted a crowd of close on 150,000. Each of these players received £8 each! Who wouldn't be a baseball star?

History of Game

ALEXANDER J. Cartwright sponsored the first baseball club, the Knickerbockers of New York, which was organised on September 13, 1845, the club accepting Cartwright's diamond and rules, an improvement over those of Doubleday. The first game between two teams was played at Hongkong, N.J., June 10, 1846, with the score New York Nine, 23; Knickerbockers, 1. Twenty-one or more "aces" later runs, then was a game. The Knickerbockers were the first club to use uniforms. Wearing blue trousers, white shirts and straw hats, they defeated Washington Club of Yorkville, 21 to 11, in eight innings, June 3, 1851. The Knickerbockers also were the first team to appear in a two-column box-score, the New York Clipper of July 10, 1853, recording Knickerbockers (21), Gotham (12), in the game of July 5. The first organisation of baseball players, formed at a New York convention, March 10, 1858. The Association adopted most of Cartwright's rules, but made the game nine innings, with the team having the most runs at the end of that time being the winner.

Game Spreads

THE Excelsiors of Brooklyn were the first club to make a tour, visiting Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and Troy in July, 1860. The Civil War gave great impetus to the game, which spread like wildfire through both blue and gray ranks. The sport continued to grow after the war. Alfred J. Reich of Brooklyn was the first professional player, being engaged to play for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1867. The first complete professional team was the famous Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869, ten-men drawing \$9,500. The team won 55 games, tied one, lost none;



WHITCOMBE CRASHES IN GOLF CHALLENGE TIE WITH BOB LOCKE

Gained Early Lead But Lost By Six And Five

By F. J. C. Pignon

London, June 2. Bobby Locke, South African champion, beat Reginald Whitcombe, British open champion, by six up and five to play in an international challenge match for £1,000 yesterday on the Coombe Hill course, Surrey.

Czech Player Wants To Be U.S. Citizen

Hecht Taking Out New Papers

New York. American tennis probably has fallen recently to Ladislav Hecht, the former Czech Davis Cup star and one of the world's most promising young players.

Hecht came over as a member of the Czech delegation to the World's Fair, just before his homeland was taken over by Germany. Now he considers himself a refugee and intends to apply for American citizenship.

The country's tennis officials, faced with a famine of match talent for the approaching season since Don Budge turned professional, have welcomed Hecht with open arms and he already has promised to play in every important event of the summer, including the National championships at Forest Hills. He is not, of course, eligible to play on the American Davis Cup team.

In a recent practice match Hecht had little difficulty defeating Berkeley Bell, the professional, 6-4, 6-4, but he was far too good for Helen Wills Moody.

BRITISH DRIVER BREAKS 3 MORE WORLD RECORDS

London, June 1. Major Gardner broke the world records for one mile, one kilometre, and five kilometres, all from a flying start, in the International Class F (1,500 c.c. class) on the Bitterfield-Dessau autobahn to-day.

The records are:—
One mile—203.8 m.p.h.
One kilometre—204.2 m.p.h.
Five kilometres—200.6 m.p.h.

The previous records were: One mile—194 m.p.h. (the late Frank Lockhart); One kilometre—148.2 m.p.h. (G. Furmanik); Five kilometres—139.5 m.p.h. (L. Duray).

Major Gardner drove the same car which he used when he broke three world records on Wednesday, with the engine rebored.

Alterations In Royal Hunt Cup

London, June 13. The following are the alterations in the Royal Hunt Cup probables: Jones rides Zoltan, Maher rides Mickie Bulger, Richardson rides Belmal, Mullins rides Rose Town. Blue Star, Chelsea Reach, Flying Star and Hussion have been withdrawn.—Reuter.

ATHLETIC RECORDS BEATEN: STARTING BLOCKS AT WEMBLEY

By Dark Blue

Several new records were set up and others equalled at the A.A.A.s annual indoor championships at the Empire Pool, Wembley, last night, when for the first time in the history of athletic competition in this country starting blocks were used for the sprint races.

B. Gilles (R.A.F.) won the first of the men's 100 yards race, the 70 yds. sprint, but one's sympathies must go to T. A. C. Scotcher (Southgate), who had beaten Gilles in the second round in which he injured himself and so could not compete in the final.

D. L. Finlay was a non-starter in the 70 yards hurdles because of an ankle damaged at football. The title went rather unexpectedly to T. L. Lockton (Achilles) after a great race with F. V. Scopes (Achilles) who led most of the way, but was beaten in the run in.

A DISAPPOINTMENT

A big disappointment occurred in the 800 yards. Everybody wanted to see how A. G. K. Brown would be suited by running on wood, and they had not long to wait. Brown dropped out in the third lap, but he took part in the ten-laps relay race later in the evening.

The holder, A. C. Pettit, lost his title to G. F. Morris (Thames Valley).

D. D. Lock twice broke the record in the 60 metres for women. She was in a class by herself.

B. Reid also set up new figures in the women's putting, the weight, and did E. Forster in the five-laps race. The meeting was of special significance for the women, as talent spotters from the Women's Amateur Athletic Association were present looking for likely candidates for the Olympic Games.

Although this was only the third year since the 800 yards championship had been included, the 1937

London, May 15.

A. C. Pettit, a City of London policeman, 35cc, and holder returned 3min. 11sec. but a Watford railway clerk, and British half-mile champion, A. J. Collyer, bettered this, doing half a second quicker than the 1937 time at 2min. 2.8sec.

MEN'S EVENTS

Pole Vault.—H. W. Yelder (Loughborough College A.C.) 12ft. 1in. R. Bentley (Loughborough Coll. A.C.) 11ft. 3in. 2. M. V. Blake (London A.C.) 11ft. 3. 70 Yards Sprint.—B. Gilles (R.A.F.) 1. A. V. Masters (Metropolitan A.C.) 2. H. L. Evans (Milecastle A.C.) 3. Time, 7.5sec.

10 Yards Hurdles.—T. L. Lockton (Achilles A.C.) 1. F. V. Scopes (Achilles A.C.) 2. R. A. Powell (Achilles A.C.) 3. Time, 1.8sec. (equals record).

Putting the Weight Championship.—H. Mertz (Achilles), 12ft. 6in. 1. A. F. Randall (Milecastle A.C.) 4ft. 8in. 2. A. L. Milligan (London A.C.) 4ft. 8in. 3. Time, 7.5sec.

880 Yards.—G. F. Morris (Thames Valley H.C.) 1. A. C. Pettit (City of London Police), 2. A. J. Collyer (Watford H.C.), 3. Time, 2min. 0.8sec. (new record).

Long Jump.—R. A. Powell (Achilles), 21ft. 1in. 1. H. G. Waller (Cambridge H.C.), 21ft. 1in. 2. L. E. Kinsley (London A.C.), 21ft. 6in. 3.

High Jump.—L. Newman (Lloyds (St. M.), 4. A. Tansley (Royal Ulster Constabulary), 2. H. V. Stubbs (Poly H.C.), 3. Time, 5.5sec.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

Putting the Weight.—D. Reid (Milecastle A.C.), 20ft. 10in. (new record), 1. E. Riley (Milecastle A.C.), 20ft. 10in. 2. M. V. Blake (London A.C.), 20ft. 10in. 3.



Photo of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment athletic team of 1935-39, winners of the Inter-Unit Athletic Championships. Back Row (left to right)—L/cpl. Barkway, Pte. Dunne, L/cpl. Bowker, L/cpl. Goodair, L/cpl. Merton, Pte. Goodman, L/cpl. McGrady, Pte. Williams, Pte. Shaw, Corp. Sturdy, L/cpl. Burridge. Middle Row—Bda Hyman, Dmr. Onslow, L/cpl. Poole, Pte. Bloomfield, L/cpl. Selton, Pte. Berry, Pte. Lever, Corp. Pace, L/cpl. Hobson, L/cpl. Wooley, L/cpl. Perrin, L/cpl. Matthews, Pte. Dinan, Front Row—L/cpl. Dickens, Corp. Ellis, Sgt. Fowler, P. S. M. Donovan, Lt. Col. L. A. Newham, Capt. H. Marsh, Adj. L. M. C. P. S. M. Ramsey, L/cpl. Hicocks, and L/cpl. Noble.—Ming Yuen.

"Please come and see us again!"



This lovely evening gown, designed by Mainbocher of Paris, is fashioned in black silk crepe and black lace. Large yellow roses are pinned in front. The gown reflects the mode shown at the International Fashion Show recently in Bermuda.

Choose Chiffon or Lace For Dancing

MUSICIANS are the fashion. Not only do orchestra leaders marry into the Social Register but Registerites go musical or to no end of pains to give balls and benefits for the less fortunate among the profession.

One of the loveliest of these parties again I must digress by saying that in the grand manner of dresses with contrasting lace or velvet, Mayerling and Great Waltz balls—yet are among the current favourites, yes, quite as gorgeous as that—was given at the Ritz Carlton—an evening of romantic Strauss waltzes and equally romantic costumes. For instance, Mrs. Edward P. Childs wore an Elizabeth Hawes model designed especially for the occasion as the "ideal waltz gown." Of honey velvet, chiffon with field flower corsage, diagonally draped bodice and inch-wide shoulder straps, its skirt was ample enough for the movement of the dance.

LACE FOR THE WALTZ

Debutante Joyce Ward flattered her pale gold hair and sun-tanned complexion with a full-skirted green organza banded with satin; and the ex-Mrs. Frederick B. Payne, who always accents her oriental type, carried a unique white flower fan. Her gown was of white lace with black velvet bows tied on the shoulders. Incidentally, velvet ribbon, usually either black, French blue or cherry, is much in evidence these nights.

Now then, Mrs. Vincent Astor, active in so many ways, gave a tea at home recently for those interested in her mammoth benefit for the Musicians Emergency Fund. She received in a demure gray dress with soft white lingerie touches at neckline and wrist. Later that night I again saw Mrs. Astor playing hostess at a large hotel. She was then wearing a lovely soft gown in powder blue chiffon with matching lace.

CLASSIC IN CREPE

On that occasion Mrs. Winthrop Gardner, also dining there, was in one of those classic statue draped gowns in milk white crepe, a type of dress that is being chosen by women who prefer classic line to crinolines and frou frou effects.

The Duchess of Westminster, also among those present on this particular night, was also wearing white, her dress being chiffon with inserts of black Chantilly lace. And here

A STAR IN CHIFFON

Elissa Landi, of movie fame, came in late wearing a bright rose velvet coat, an exquisite dress of banana applique and worked in self colour; one of those "simple" dresses that was anything but. Her attire was unadorned, and that's getting to be news.

At rendezvous of the smart dancing set, one begins to notice summery looking dresses, many of which are printed on white or cream grounds, mostly with widely spaced motifs, bright rose and leaf green being the favourite colour scheme.

Veal And Ham Loaf

Mince up three pounds of veal and half a pound of ham or mild bacon, mix with a breakfastful of fine white breadcrumbs and season with a teaspoonful each of salt and onion juice, and half a teaspoonful each of pepper, ground mace and ground allspice. Bind it with two well-beaten eggs, and either shape the mixture into a loaf or put it into an appropriate bread-pan and turn it out on to a baking-pan. Brush it over with more beaten egg and sprinkle it with breadcrumbs, and bake it in a moderate oven for two hours, basting it with melted butter and water. It is excellent when it is cold.

This girl is starred as the perfect guest because . . .

SHE seldom changes her plans, always makes clear the date of her arrival and the date of her departure. (This does help in a small and busy house.)

SHE is always cheerful and considerate, ready to fall in with any plans her hostess has made for entertaining her. SHE is always willing to help in the garden or take the dogs for a walk.

If she has a dog, or her own she always asks beforehand if she may bring it with her instead of calmly arriving with it.

SHE indicates its breed and sex, its little foibles—bad as well as good—and its opinion of cats and children, so that her hostess is well prepared.

SHE doesn't behave like a convalescent the first few days just because she had a tiring journey.

SHE is courteous to the servants; she doesn't keep them running errands, nor give orders nor expect them to give the service of a personal maid.

SHE doesn't spoil the children, although it's very easy for "Auntie" to amuse the "little darlings"

(and incidentally, herself) and forget that their life (and their mother's) must go on when she's gone.

SHE doesn't make numerous telephone calls and forget to pay before leaving—it's surprising how these calls add up.

SHE doesn't suggest outings that host and hostess can't afford; nor use the house as a centre of rest in between her own outside amusements.

SHE doesn't leave cigarette ash in the bedclothes if she smokes in bed, or read half the night with all the lights full on.

SHE conveniently goes for a walk when the rooms are obviously upside-down, or tactfully asks her hostess if she lend a hand in tidying them.

SHE realises that even a one-day stay is worth a little note of "Safely arrived and thank you for a lovely time." For which thought alone she deserves to be starred as the guest her hostess wants to invite again.

SHORT CUTS

A gummy cake with a tendency to fall usually indicates that too much sugar was used.

Paper dollies and napkins are inexpensive and save laundry. The family will enjoy eating picnic style in summer.

Stale cake makes a good cottage pudding. Cut away all frosting from cake; arrange in slices on individual plates and pour hot lemon sauce over it.

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Simple hors d'oeuvres consist of mashed Roquefort cheese blended with tomato ketchup, spread on crisp potato chips.

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But this one won't be asked a second time

SHE arrived in her town clothes, thus giving her hostess the impression that it was too much bother to change specially for the visit; and she brought only high-heeled shoes that ruled out all possibility of country walks and country sports.

SHE said she disliked animals, gave dogs with muddy paws disdainful looks, and indicated that she would like them shut out of the room at meal-times.

SHE is utterly uninterested in gardens, declared she wouldn't be seen dead with a trowel in her hand, and hinted that to walk round with her hostess to look at the flowers would be just too much effort.

SHE lolled back in a chair with a book most of the day—didn't put herself out to be sociable with her hostess, and showed no enthusiasm for any suggestions made for her own entertainment.

Are They Really Bored?

WE have been very privileged! One of the "modern young things" has favoured us by staying for the week-end! She has gone, leaving questions we are trying to answer.

Being 30, I don't consider ourselves old—but "bored" this girl or her chums (both sexes) we feel as if we had just emerged from the Ark. We occasionally exhibit enthusiasm over things, but that is where we are all wrong. The "modern" attitude is to accept everything with the same non-committal expression as if we were not concerned.

My wife was very concerned as to how we could entertain her and I thought I had solved the problem by buying a dashboard. I was wrong. It lasted only twenty minutes.

On being asked whether she would like to see a good picture she said "she didn't mind." Eventually she did go and her verdict on it was "not bad."

Sunday was a glorious day and I suggested taking the car out and going to a fine spot where the dogs could get a good run and ourselves a breath of very fresh air. My suggestion was considered "boring."

Ultra-Smart

The modern young people think this bored air is ultra-smart. It is "the thing to do." Any people who excitement or any old-fashioned exhibition of manners is a sign of weakness. "Definitely" it is not the thing.

Parents are more to blame for this state of affairs than these young people. Parents can sacrifice too much for their children, and rarely is the sacrifice appreciated.

Sooner or later the "moderns" will wake up and find this hard world not so ready to take them at their own inflated valuation. One cannot help feeling sorry for them, but it is difficult to help them. Young people bitterly resent any criticism and so must be left to discover their own shortcomings.

Bolled down, it really means that the old standards of manners and considerations for others are not being taught now. Most people will agree that good manners are getting a bit scarce, and whatever may be held against the Victorians they at least taught decent behaviour. It helps to make life pleasant.

Modern psychology has given us much light on many difficult problems, but the judicious application of the maxim "spare the rod," &c., shows the best results.

G. S.

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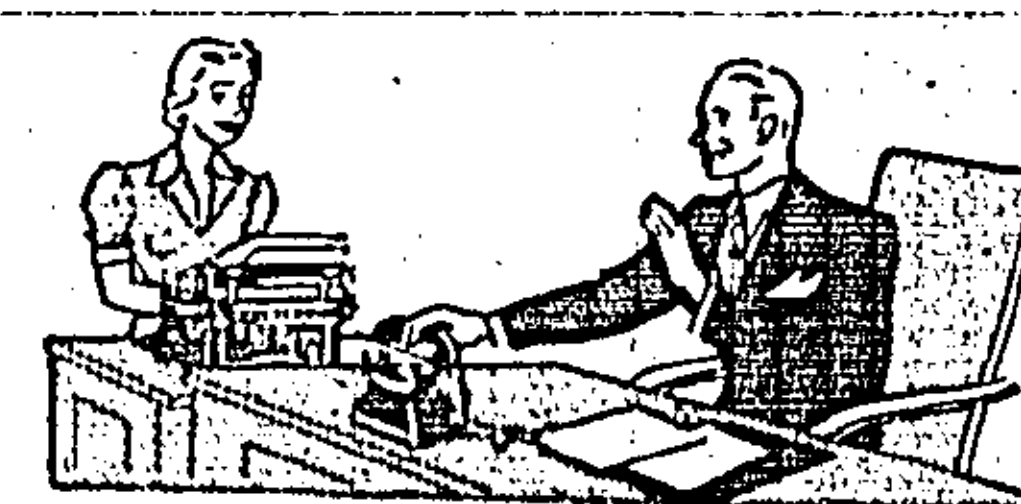
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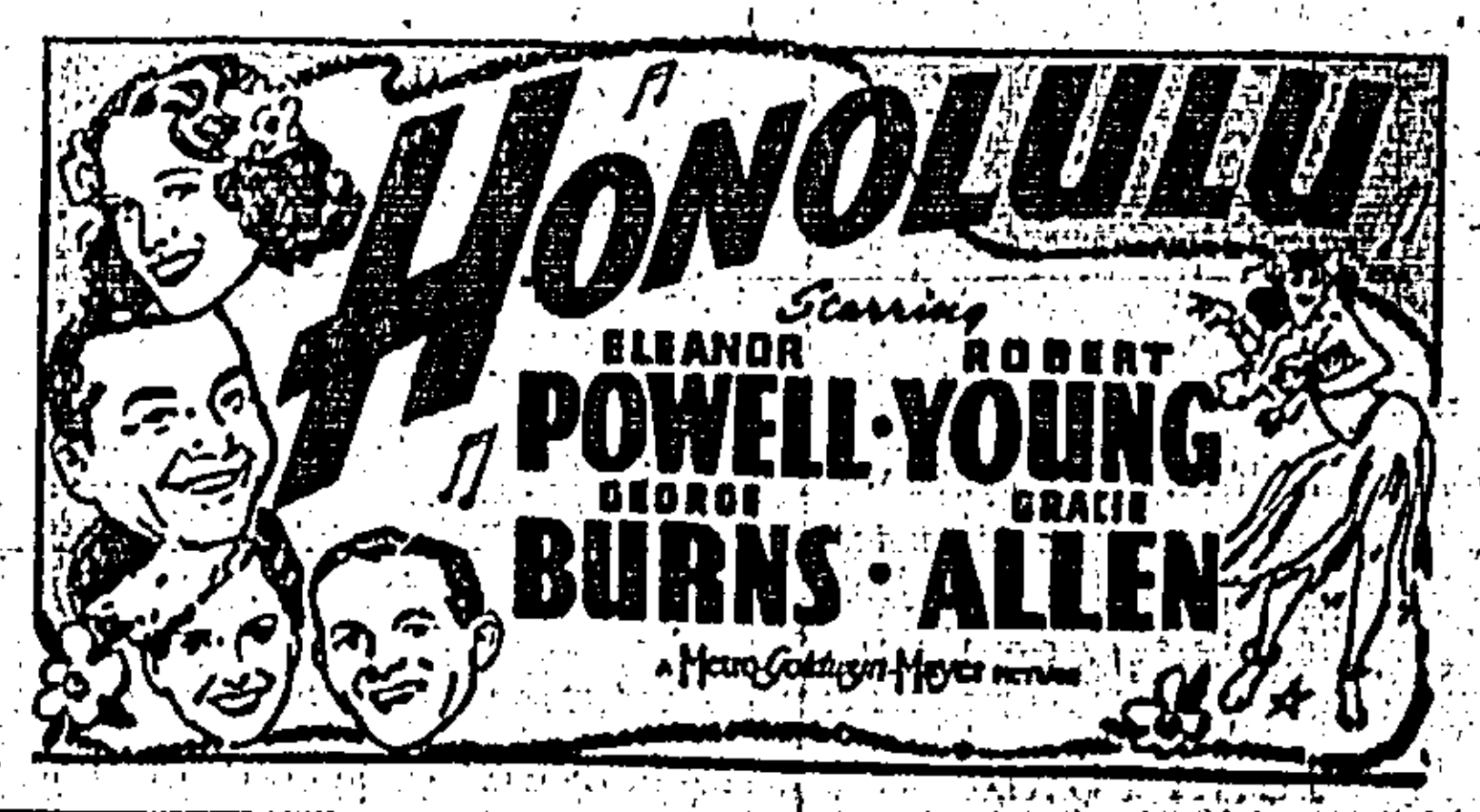
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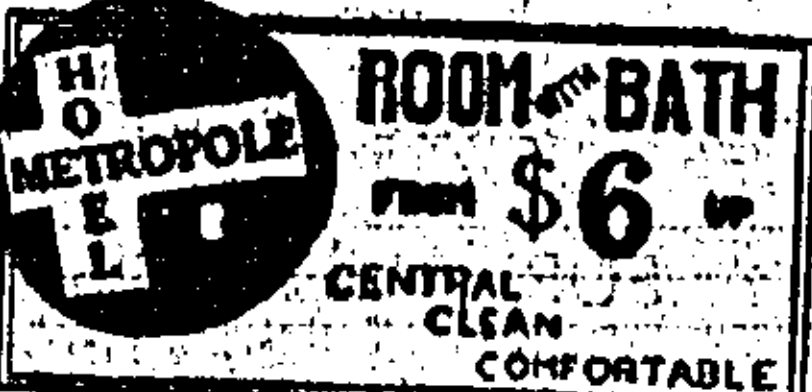
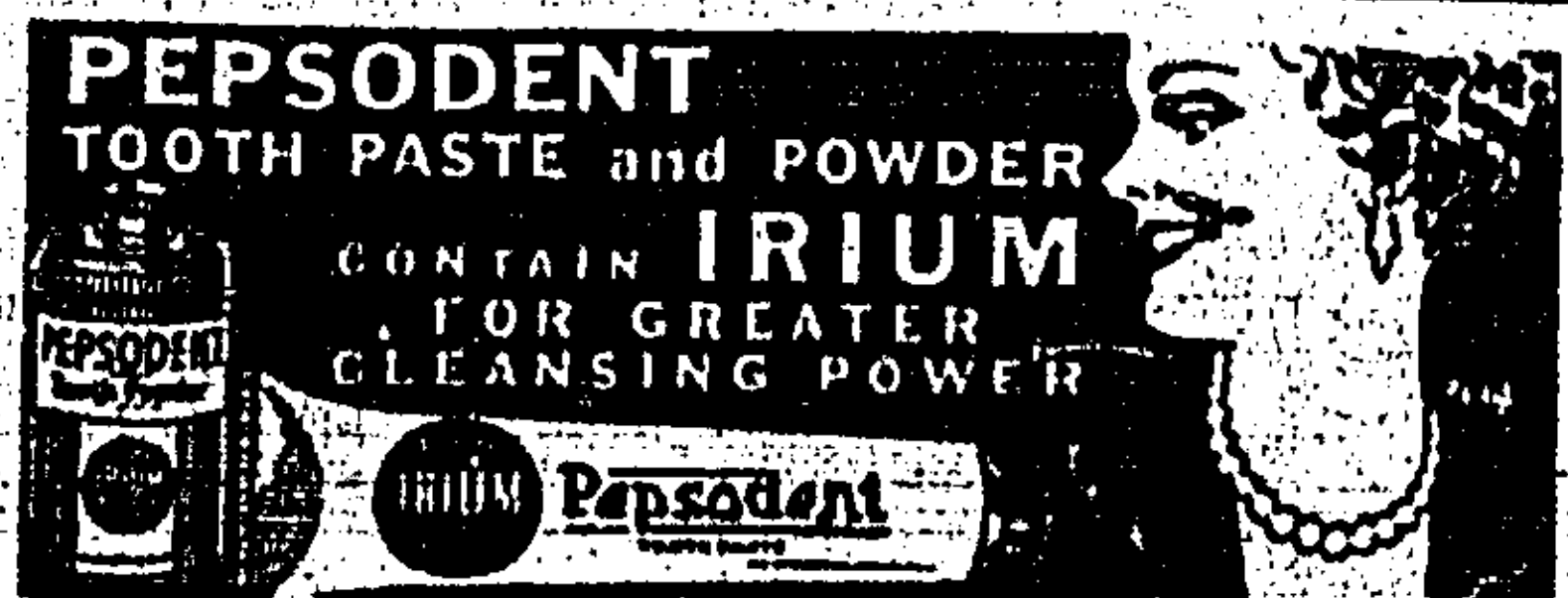
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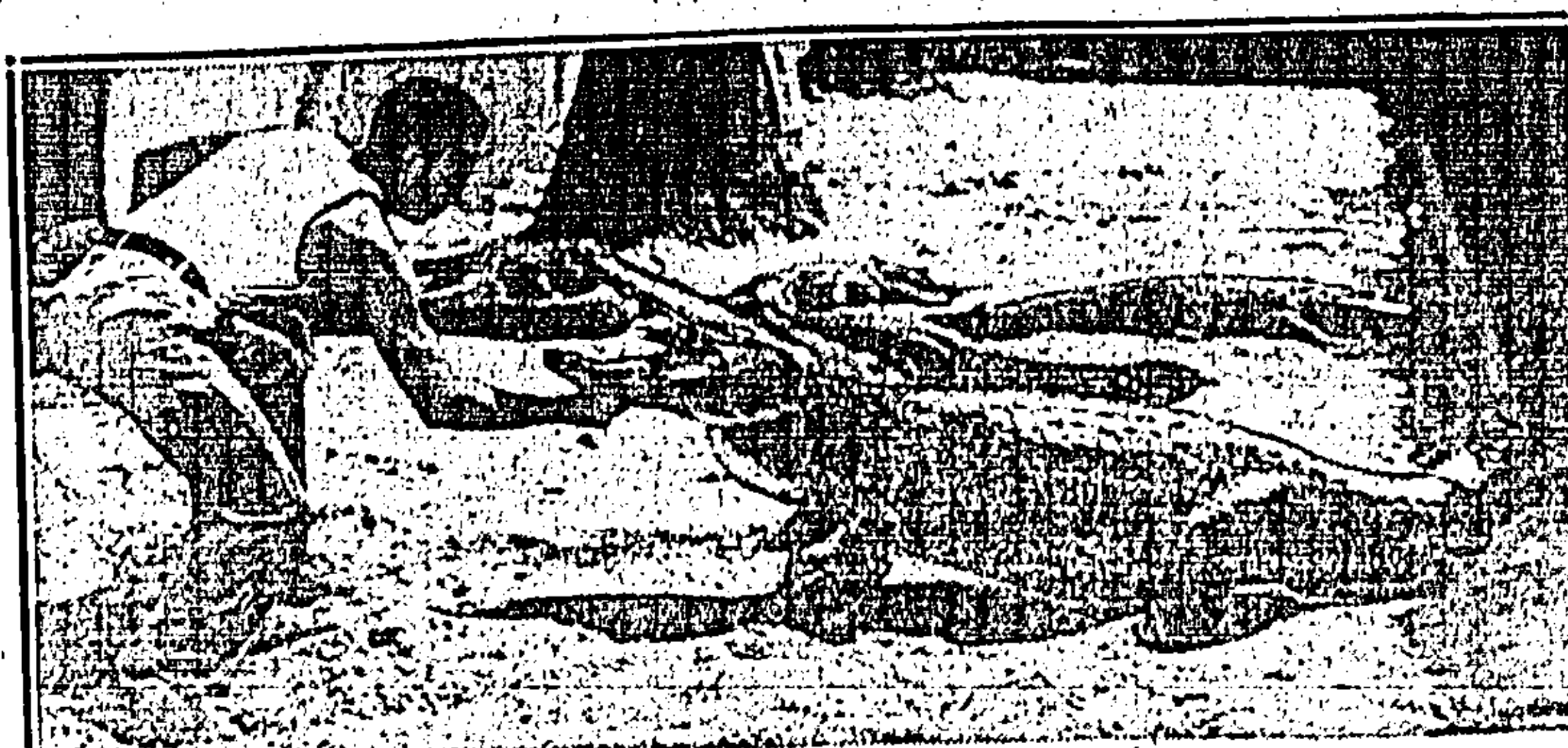
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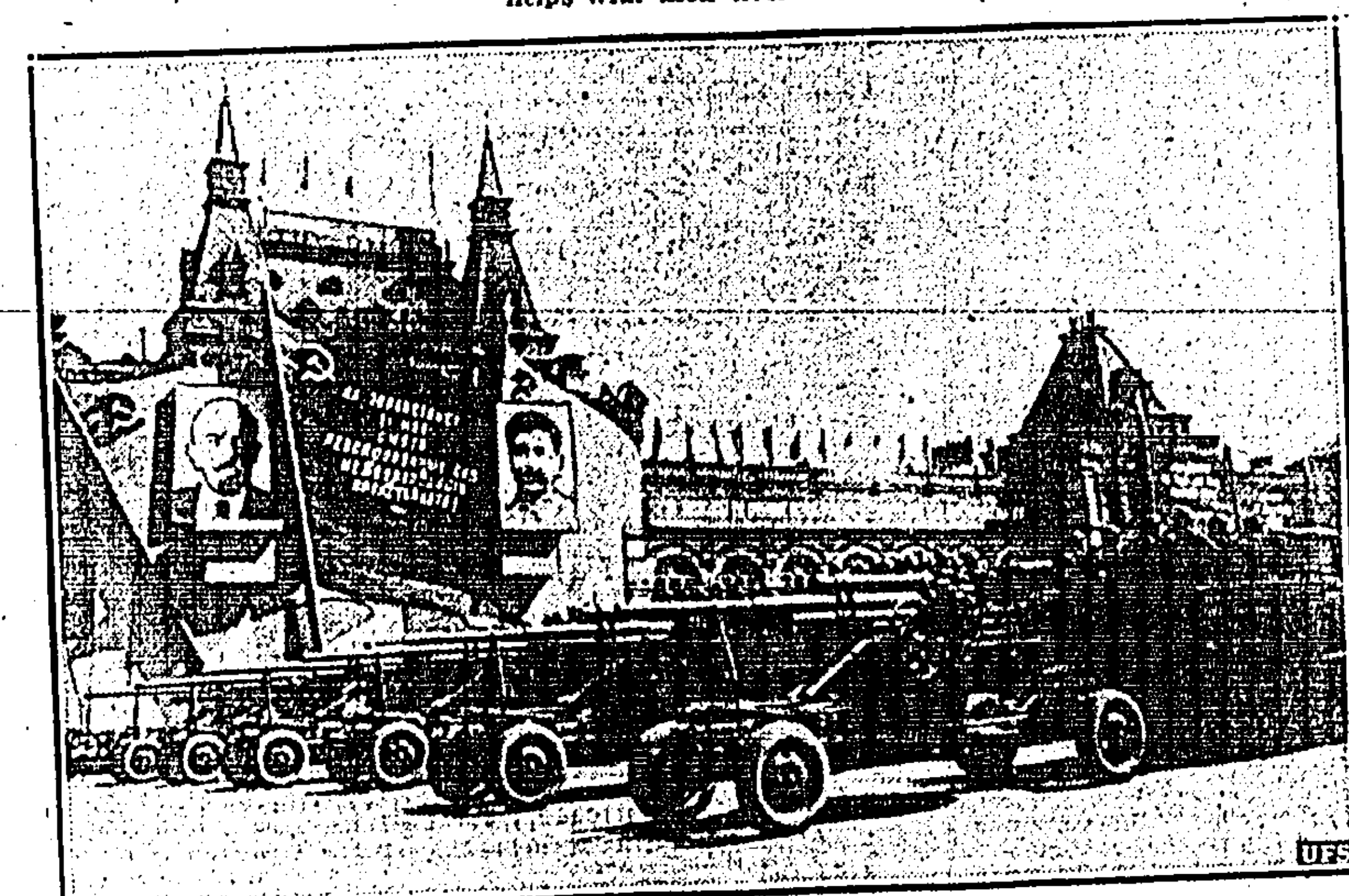
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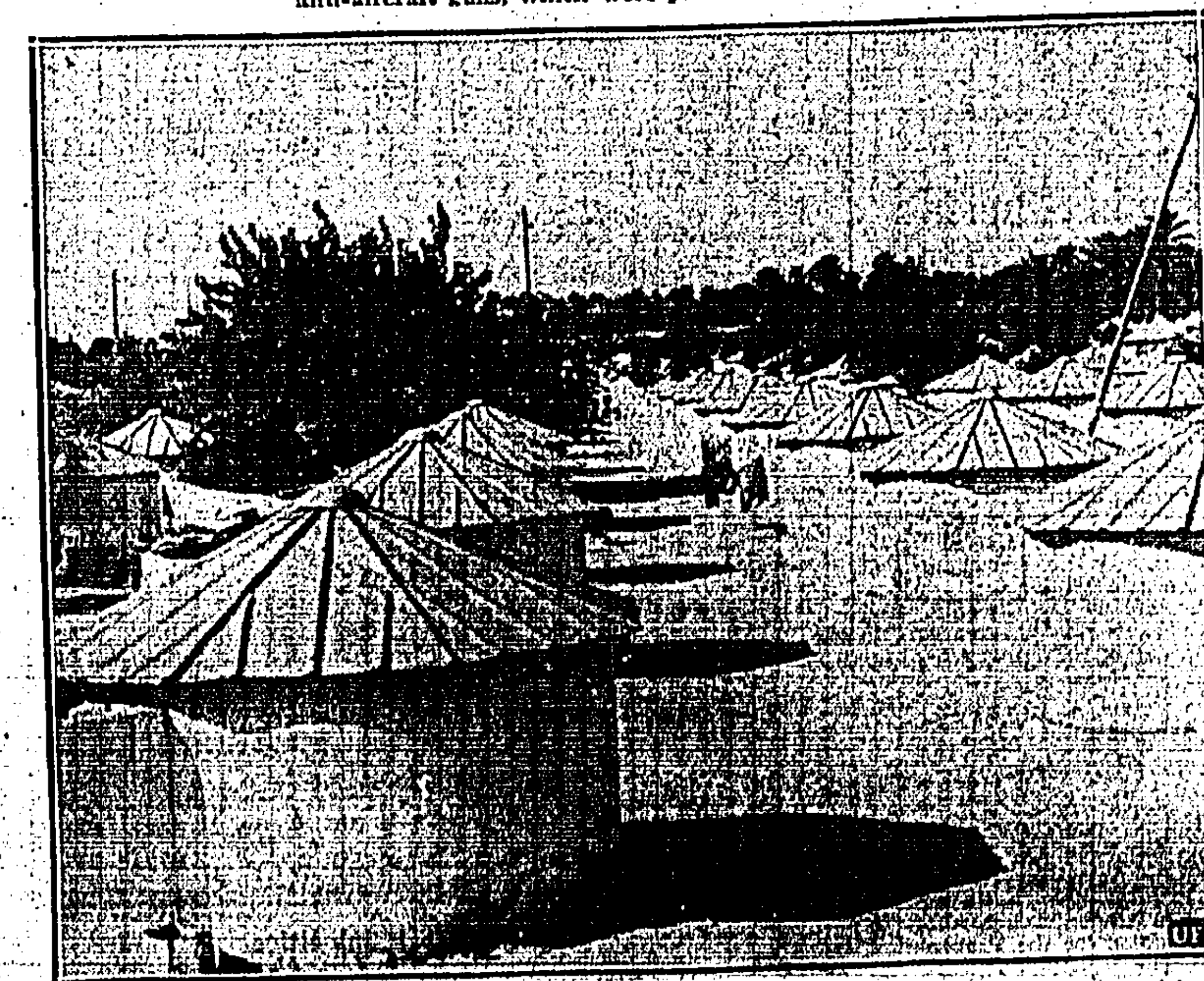
PHOTON NEWS



These Seminole Indians at the New York World's Fair take a philosophical attitude toward their white neighbors. One said recently: "White man rush too much. Indian work steady—get same done." Despite their apparent placidity they court excitement, as evidenced by top panel where one of them is about to wrestle an alligator. They do that, too, at the Seminole village at the Fair. Girl at left, making something in a huge pot, wears her hair with a visor front. Seminoles may have originated the upswep hair-do, keeping it in place with clay mud. Right, a dowager who wears 18 pounds of beads she made and strings. Seminoles are self-supporting and sale of beads helps with their livelihood.



Digest military display ever seen on Moscow's Red Square passed in review in May Day parade, emphasizing Russia's armed preparedness. Above, backed by huge pictures of Lenin and Stalin, are anti-aircraft guns, which were part of the huge parade.



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EXTORTION CHARGE

European Sub-Inspector
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When Sub-Inspector Joseph Edwards appeared on remand before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with demanding money with menaces from Lau Hei-yuk on April 23, Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel continued to outline the case for the prosecution and mentioned two statements alleged to have been made by Sub-Inspector Edwards to police officials.

A police interpreter, Un Shul-ki is also charged with extortion from Lau, and alternatively with demanding \$110 with menaces.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared for Sub-Inspector Edwards and Mr. C. d'Almeida for the interpreter.

In the course of his opening, Mr. Whyatt said it was inconceivable that a conversation could have taken place under the very nose of Edwards in the detective room without him being aware of the purpose of it. Edwards was sent for by Mr. F. W. Shattlin, the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation on April 23, when he was shown a statement made by Lau, and Mr. Shattlin had great difficulty in getting any answer from Sub-Inspector Edwards at all. He formed the opinion that Edwards had something to hide.

Nothing was done until May 4, when on the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Chief Detective Inspector Carey was told to get a statement from Sub-Inspector Edwards. When approached, Edwards said: "This means I am under suspicion. I will not make a statement until I have seen my solicitor."

When a charge was preferred against him, Sub-Inspector Edwards said: "I deny the charge and reserve my defence."

Spurious Coins Argument

Lau Hei-yuk, complainant, said he had an argument regarding spurious coins with a bus conductor while on the way to Hung Hom on April 23, and suggested that they all go to the Police Station. After a number of inquiries had been made, he was taken out of the dock and taken to the Chinese detective's room by the interpreter, Un Shul-ki. They were followed into the room about a minute later by Edwards.

The only remarks made by Edwards were when they entered the room, when a detective, Ho Sang, was asked if he knew him. The reply was yes, and that he was a good man. They all sat around a small table. Un sat opposite him, while Edwards was on his right.

Un then told him that the Inspector said the matter was a very serious one, and asked him if he wanted the Inspector to settle the matter. The sum of \$120 was finally agreed on, and he then left with the interpreter to get the money.

The sum of \$100 was given to him by Ma Chai, secretary of the Hip On Club, and there were at least four persons present when the money was handed over to Un.

Questioned by Mr. Hugh Jones, Lau said the \$10 note which he had on him at the time of his arrest was returned to him in the charge room that morning.

Did you not then realise that you were not to be charged?—No.

Counsel's Suggestion

You have said that the interpreter told you the Inspector said it was a serious matter. I suggest that what was said was a warning that handling out bad coins was a serious offence?—No. He said it was a very serious matter. I would not be allowed bail and would be given no option of a fine.

There was nothing in the attitude or bearing of the Inspector which was in the nature of threatening?—No. He just sat there.

Wong To, bus conductor, said Lau boarded his bus in Jordan Road and tendered two ten-cent coins which were bad. A \$10 note was eventually tendered, but he refused to change it as he had no change. Lau refused to get off the bus, so they went to the Hung Hom Police station. He was told to leave the station by the Inspector after he had made a statement. Lau was in the dock when he left.

Sergeant R. Granger, treasury department, said he went to the Yau-mat Police station on June 5 when he was handed two ten-cent pieces by Sub-Inspector C. Mottram. The first coin was a counterfeit, but he could not give an opinion on the second one.

Hearing was adjourned until noon to-day.

Tennis Star is Writing A Novel

MISS HELEN JACOBS arrived in England recently from New York, hoping to regain at Wimbledon the title she held in 1936.

Though she has not touched a racket for months, she said that she "meant business."

Throughout the winter Miss Jacobs has deserted the tennis courts in order to write a historical novel, based on the life of an ancestor, Carter Braxton, who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

"I am perfectly fit," she said, "and I shall probably give up smoking to get into training right away."

Shanghai College Grows

VATICAN CITY. Gonzaga College in Shanghai, conducted by American Jesuits, has reached a new high mark with a total of 870 students, according to the Congregation for the Propagation of Faith. The school is 7 years old.

LATE NEWS

Japanese Reject Proposals

Tientsin, June 14. Acting on instructions from his Home Government, the British Consul at Tientsin called on the Japanese Consul-General at 8 o'clock last night and made proposals for the establishment of a joint commission including British and Japanese officials and a third-party member with the object of inquiring into the suspected assassins of Mr. Cheng Hsi-keng.

Following an urgent conference with the Japanese military authorities, the Japanese Consul-General rejected the British proposal. The Japanese authorities, it is pointed out, are especially opposed to participation by a third Power in the issue.

Meanwhile, in addition to Chinese quarter, foreign concerns in the American General Motors and Texas oil company have established temporary offices in the Third Special Administrative District.

Several German concerns have also opened offices in the First Special Administrative District to prepare for evacuation of the British Concession.

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Campbell Case: Police Statement

Detective-Inspector R. Cunningham, who is in charge of the investigations into the mysterious death of Mr. J. H. Campbell, whose dead body with multiple injuries was found in Peking Road on Sunday, stated this morning that the police possess no evidence to suggest that Mr. Campbell was the victim of foul play.

The police he added are working on two or three theories, but they don't know yet what actually happened.

Mr. Cunningham admitted that the deceased might have fallen from a height, or have been knocked down by a car. His injuries were consistent with either.

Japanese Will Stiffen Demands

Tientsin, June 14. It is understood that extradition of the alleged assassins of Mr. Cheng Hsi-keng, former Chinese customs commissioner and manager of the Federal Reserve Bank at Tientsin, before 6 a.m. to-day would still satisfy the Japanese authorities.

After the isolation of the Concessions, the Japanese authorities will not be satisfied by mere handing over of the criminals. The Japanese are understood to proceed ahead with the measures until the British completely change their attitude, it is pointed out.

While overland traffic along the roads to the British Concession will be restricted, all ships on the Peiho River will also be stopped and examined by the Japanese authorities.

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Italian, German Discrimination

Tientsin, June 14. The Japanese sentries are not halting and are not searching any automobiles flying the Italian or German flags.—United Press.

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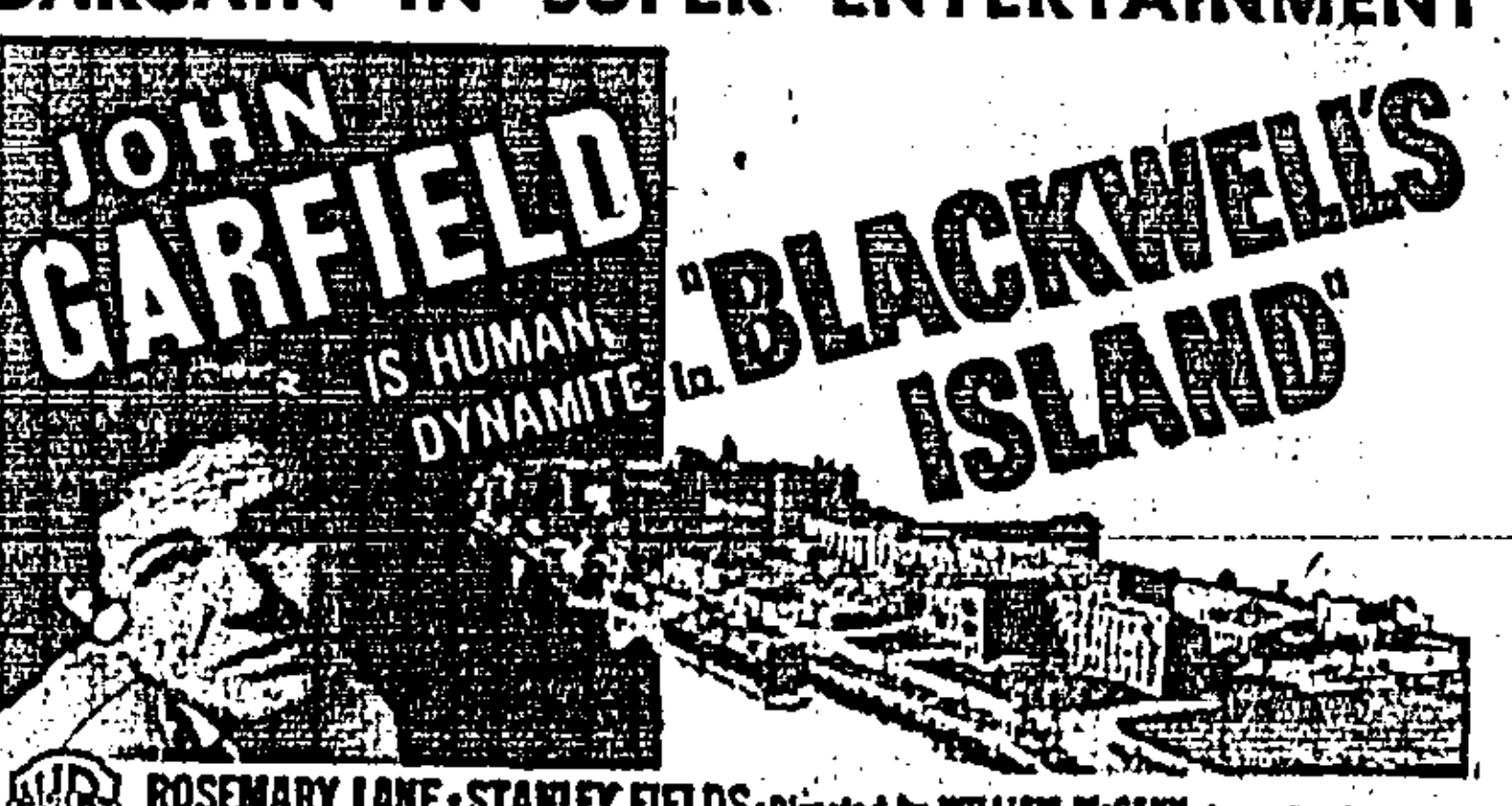
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TIENTSIN DEMANDS MET CLAIM JAPANESE

LONDON, June 14.

ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON NOTIFIED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THAT BRITAIN HAS DECIDED TO HAND OVER THE FOUR CHINESE "TERRORISTS" TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT TIENTSIN, THUS SATISFYING THE JAPANESE DEMANDS.

It is stated that the Foreign Office told the Japanese Ambassador that the latest investigations revealed evidence against the four accused Chinese which has justified the decision to surrender them in accordance with the Japanese claims.—United Press.

AMERICAN CONCERN

WASHINGTON, June 13.

IT HAS been officially announced that United States marine and military forces at all points in China will operate directly under United States orders for the protection of the best interests of the United States in the Far East.

Further it is said the American forces will follow the tradition of cooperating with other nations in matters of community interest and the maintenance of order.

State Department officials are following the developments in Tientsin with considerable concern. Records here show that there are approximately 400 Americans in Tientsin, most of them being in the American owned property. It is estimated at more than 12,000,000 national currency, and the annual business turnover is estimated at 200,000,000 national currency.—United Press.

Japanese Cabinet Meets

Tokyo, June 14.

The Tientsin situation came before the Cabinet to-day when Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, is stated to have reported on "Japan's determination to cope with it." The "Yomiuri Shimbun" comments on the British compromise proposals, states: "What Japan is aiming at is not the question of the British Concession at Tientsin alone. She has taken up the question of 'foreign concessions in China generally.'"—Reuter.

America Watching

Washington, June 13.

Close attention to the Japanese preparations for a blockade of the Anglo-French Concession of Tientsin is being given by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and officials of his department.

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Compromise Proposals

Tokyo, June 14.

Press reports from London say that the British Government is proposing to Japan establishment of a joint commission of extradition of the suspected assassins of Cheng Hsi-keng with a view to easing the situation in Tientsin.

It is understood, however, that the proposals would not be accepted unless the British authorities properly understand the new situation in China and effect sincere co-operation with the Japanese for the proposed establishment of a new order in East Asia.

Political observers point out that Japan is compelled to isolate the British and French Concessions in Tientsin by the refusal of the British authorities to recognise the new situation in China.

No Intervention

Informed quarters declare that intervention in the Tientsin situation by any third Powers would also be stoutly rejected by Japan, while the Japanese authorities are opposed to any possible international conference for settling the present issue.—Domet.

Tientsin Exodus

Peiping, June 13.

Women and children of British and other nationalities not wanting to be PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

Shanghai Also Ignorant

SHANGHAI, June 14.

THE British Embassy here to-day said they have not received any advices saying that London has agreed to deliver the four Chinese to the Japanese, or even that the British Foreign Office official had seen the Japanese Ambassador.

They said the latest advice from London is that an official of the British Foreign Office called on the Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy on Tuesday morning and reiterated that there is still insufficient evidence to surrender the Chinese accused.

He also conveyed the proposal for arbitration and argued that the issue is still susceptible to settlement by arbitration.—United Press.

Government And "Cheap Money"

London, June 13.

A question addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons, gave him the opportunity to declare that he saw nothing in present conditions to suggest the need for any change in policy of Government regarding the maintenance of "cheap money"—a matter in relation to which he had frequently stated Government's general policy.—British Wireless.

New British Ministry Of Information Proposed

LONDON, June 13.

THE Cabinet will consider to-morrow a proposal to establish a Ministry of Information to deal mainly with the question of foreign affairs and the presentation of the British case more effectively to the world.

Lord Perth, former Ambassador to Italy, is expected to play a prominent part in the new organisation in view of his special knowledge of international affairs and his long period of office as Secretary General of the League of Nations. There will, however, be a spokesman for the new Ministry if the House of Commons approve the proposals.

Present plans are limited in character in order to cover peace activities but they will be considerably extended in the event of war.—Reuter.

Spokesman Has No Knowledge Of Decision

LONDON, June 14.

A British Government spokesman has denied any knowledge of the alleged decision to surrender the four Chinese in Tientsin.

It was his private surmise that the Japanese Ambassador may have been the victim of a hoax.—United Press.

SYRIAN POLITICAL CRISIS

DAMASCUS, June 13.

SYRIA IS NOW FACING ANOTHER MINISTERIAL CRISIS—THE THIRD IN FOUR MONTHS—THERE ARE INCREASINGLY PERSISTENT RUMOURS THAT THE UNCERTAIN POLITICAL SITUATION MAY LEAD TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THEN INVOLVE A CHANGE IN REGIME.

For some time there has been talk of setting up a monarchical regime and various names have even been mentioned as ascendants to the throne.

In any event, the present Cabinet impasse which arose when the Cabinet headed by Colonel Nassouhi resigned on May 15, shows no signs of solution. The resignation is ascribed to the difficulties the Cabinet encountered in adapting its programme to the policy of the French Mandatory Power.

The Syrians are said to be disappointed at the lack of assurances in the matter of the treaty of 1936 which provided for the release of Syria from the Mandate and complete independence in 1940.—Reuter.

LONDON, June 13.—The International Sugar Council, meeting for the purpose of approving the recommended increase of 154,000 tons in the current year's quota for Empire growers, adjourned until to-morrow.—Reuter.

BRITAIN MAKES LAST MINUTE APPEAL

LONDON, June 13.

FOLLOWING to-day's meeting of the Cabinet Foreign Affairs Committee, reliable sources stated that Britain appealed to Japan not to impose the blockade in Tientsin.

It is understood that this request was transmitted to Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, from the British Foreign Office.

This motivated Japanese official sources into explaining that the British Consul General in Tientsin and his associates are examining fresh evidence regarding the alleged complicity of the Chinese captives in the April 9 assassination.

Although a British Government spokesman has disclaimed any knowledge of these developments, it appears that the appeal was made by a high official in the Foreign Office.

On Monday Britain attempted to avert the blockade by proposing the creation of a three man tribunal to decide whether the Chinese shall be delivered to the Japanese which, it is declared, would have denoted a climb down in the face of the Japanese threats.

It is an open secret that the British authorities are divided as to the most desirable course to be taken in Tientsin—the local British authorities favouring the fulfilment of the Japanese demands, to which the Home Government is opposed.

One section of the Government believes that submission in Tientsin will encourage the Japanese to seek complete domination of all the foreign settlements in China with their immense British, United States and French investments and facilities.

Others visualise Japan as not only seizing British interests throughout China, but even allude to the possibility of a Japanese bid for Hong-

kong. The Chinese Government is pressing Britain for more effective economic assistance. So far they have used only a tiny fraction of the commercial credits earmarked for British imports. Chinese officials said Britain ought to be in a position to supply anti-aircraft guns instead of merely lorries.—United Press.

Situation In Tientsin

Tientsin, June 14.

Persons are allowed to pass through the barricades but only after a very complete search.

The "United Press" correspondent, Charles Gubb, said it required three hours for him to return to the Concession because the Japanese sentries took 15 minutes to search each person. The streets in the Concession are deserted.

The British Volunteer Defence Corps was mobilised last night but they returned to their homes later when the situation remained quiet.—United Press.

Serious French View

Paris, June 14.

Official circles here take a very serious view of the Tientsin blockade. A Government spokesman said: "The situation is very serious."

It has been stated that the Government is consulting London and Washington with a view to defining a joint policy to their mutual interests. Reports indicate that the British military authorities at Singapore invited French commanding officers in the Far East to discuss joint defensive measures.—United Press.

No Change In Moravia, Bohemia Status Quo

BERLIN, June 13.

IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY STATED THAT HERR HITLER TOLD THE REICH MINISTER TO PRAGUE LAST WEEK THAT THE PRESENT FORM OF PROTECTORATES IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA WOULD NOT BE ALTERED.

WELL INFORMED CIRCLES SAID THE CURRENT UNREST HAS NOT AFFECTED HITLER'S DECISION TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO.

In the meantime, Nazi anger against Poland is increasing.

Danzig newspapers charged that three Poles, including one in the uniform of a Customs Guard, castrated a German with a penknife near Graudenz.

Himmler's Movements

Herr Himmler's unexpected visit to Prague, immediately on top of the German-Czech incidents growing out of the Czechs' passive resistance to German rule, has aroused the unconfident reports that Herr Himmler was sent to stiffen the German hold on the Protectorate.

It is recalled that Herr Himmler, as Police Chief, and head of the Gestapo, is in charge of "restoring order" in Austria, Sudetenland, Bohemia, Moravia and Memelland after their occupation.—United Press.

New Coup Expected

London, June 13.

Herr Hitler's new coup is expected within a few days with the occupa-

Exchange Of Raw Materials

London, June 13.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, said he did not wish to tie himself to a date on which to make a statement on the exchange of raw materials between Britain and America. There were a number of difficulties but negotiations were making progress.—Trans-Ocean.

Exchequer Returns

London, June 13.

Exchequer returns show that the total ordinary revenue amounts to £114,259,546 compared with £100,550,439 a year ago. Receipts from customs at £247,353,000 are more than £5,000,000 up on last year. The total expenditure less self-balancing items is £233,036,107 compared with £210,954,385 at the corresponding date of 1938.—British Wireless.

Britain Suggests Conciliatory Court

LONDON, June 13.

IT HAS BEEN disclosed that Britain intends to propose the establishment of a special conciliatory Court in the Tientsin Concession, composed of one Briton, one Japanese and one neutral member, to avert the Japanese blockade and to prevent aggravation of the tension.

The Court will decide whether the four Chinese demanded by the Japanese should be extradited.

If Japan refuses to accept this proposal Britain will urgently consider means of coping with the blockade which will confront Britain with a very difficult situation in the Sino-Japanese war.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the British Cabinet were discussing the Tientsin problem to-day.—United Press.

CZECHS' DRAMATIC ESCAPE FROM GERMANS

WARSAW, June 13.

IT was revealed to-day how President Benes' brother, Wozata Benes, his wife and three Czech generals, smuggled themselves across the Polish frontier from the Czech protectorate by living for two days in a sealed railway freight car.

Czech Customs officials aided them to escape.

Herr Benes and his wife are at present in Warsaw while the Generals, whose names are a closely guarded secret, remain in Cruckow.

According to the story of the escape which was revealed to-day, Benes and his party quietly made their way to the Polish frontier where for two weeks they attempted to persuade the Czech Customs Guards to aid them. The Guards were sympathetic but realised the difficulties were multiplied by the fact that the five escapees were all elderly people and therefore could not "run for it."

They finally hit upon a plan. On Saturday the Guards slipped the party into a freight car at a deserted part of the frontier, gave them a supply of food and a couple of pillows. They then sealed the car which a few hours later, was switched on to a freight train headed for Poland. The train safely crossed the border and dropped the sealed car at Polish station of Cizsyn.

On Monday morning the freight yard workers heard shouts and knocking emanating from the car which they opened, and released the five stowaways. They were all very weak but apparently little the worse for their trip.—United Press.

Mystery Talks In Prague

Prague, June 13.

The Reich Minister of Justice, Doctor Franz Guertner, arrived in Prague to-day and entered into conversations with Reich Minister Von Neurath.

The purpose of the visit has not been revealed.

There has been great perturbation in Prague on account of the number of criminal murders during the past few days, five women having been murdered.

In addition the murders of several women during the past several weeks remain unsolved.—United Press.

Spanish Loan Rumours Are Denied

London, June 13.

In the House of Commons to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, answering the Labour Member, Mr. Bellenger, said he had no information regarding negotiations for a loan to Spain being organised by an international undertaking operating from Brussels.

"The consent of His Majesty's Government would be necessary before British funds could be used in this way," he said.

The Chancellor referred Mr. Bellenger to a previous statement in which he had announced that no British financial interests were associated with such an undertaking.—United Press.

BUDAPEST, June 13.—Members of the Chapter of Heroes, holders of the highest war decorations, are forbidden to belong to any Arrow-Cross organisation. Public officials have been similarly prohibited for some time.—Trans-Ocean.

PLIGHT OF REFUGEES No Home For 800 Germans

LONDON, June 13.

MR. TOM WILLIAMS, THE LABOUR MEMBER, ASKED THE HOME SECRETARY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WHETHER HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN DRAWN TO THE PLIGHT OF 800 GERMAN REFUGEES ON BOARD THE STEAMER ST. LOUIS WHICH HAD NOW RETURNED TO EUROPEAN WATERS.

Captain Peake, Under-Secretary for the Home Office, stressed that it was of first importance that arrangements for the emigration of refugees should proceed under an orderly programme but in the present case it appeared that there were exceptional circumstances which might justify the admission to England of a proportion of these refugees pending arrangements for their ultimate emigration, and plans were being made accordingly. He understood that the governments of Belgium and Holland were also willing to take a share in providing a temporary asylum.

Capt. Peake emphasised that the special governments in this case could not be regarded as a precedent.—Reuter Special.

Special Arrangements

LONDON, June 13.

In the House of Commons to-day the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Home Office told the Labour member, Mr. Tom Williams, that PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST

Compromise Came Too Late

Tientsin, June 14.

Local Japanese military authorities informed the British late last night that while appreciating the spirit in which the compromise solution was proposed, it was felt that it had come too late.

The Japanese had made all arrangements for the blockade and it was impossible to alter the programme at such a short notice.

The blockade started promptly at five o'clock, barricades which had been placed in position on the Concession's boundaries in the past few days being erected and manned.—Reuter.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

LADY CUNLIFFE-OWEN SUED BY ARTIST:

SAID MICE MIGHT EAT PORTRAITS

LADY CUNLIFFE-OWEN, wife of Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, contested a claim brought by an artist in the King's Bench Division recently for the balance of an alleged agreed fee.

She complained that portraits of her two step-daughters were painted on board left over from the roofing of a barn at her residence, Sunningdale Park, Berks, instead of on canvas.

The claimant, Mr. Leo Spiridon Delitz, of Greeneroot Gardens, Hampstead, stated to be a well-known painter in Vienna, who was on a visit to England at the time of the Anschluss and had not returned since, sought to recover £212 10s.

Mr. C. R. Havers, K.C., for the plaintiff, said that according to Mr. Delitz he was commissioned by Lady Cunliffe-Owen to paint the portraits at an agreed fee of 125 guineas for each and £50 was paid on account.

Lady Cunliffe-Owen's defence was that she commissioned Mr. Delitz to paint the portraits in oil on canvas at a fee of £100 for each, and an agreement to pay a further £50 if, after the portraits were painted, she considered them exceptionally good.

She complained that the portraits were painted on board and there had been a suggestion that they were painted in oil and partly water. There was no foundation for the latter suggestion, which, he understood, was no longer persisted in.

ALLEGATION UNFOUNDED

Mr. Gilbert Paull, K.C. (for Lady Cunliffe-Owen): That allegation was made because of certain opinions which we received, but we are satisfied that the portraits were in fact painted in oil.

Mr. Havers said it was also part of Lady Cunliffe-Owen's defence that she had the right to reject the portraits and be repaid the £50. She now counterclaimed for that amount.

Mr. Delitz admitted that Essex Board left over after the roofing of the barn at Sunningdale Park was used for the portraits, and would say that Lady Cunliffe-Owen knew this at the time and raised no objection. The plaintiff had been a painter in Vienna for 35 years, and a member of the Viennese Academy since 1912. His works were hung in numerous galleries in Vienna.

FAMOUS PATRONS

Among distinguished Austrians whom he had painted were Countess Starhemberg and Dr. Schuschnigg, the former Austrian Chancellor, counsel continued. Mr. Delitz had a picture exhibited in this year's Royal Academy in London.

After Mr. Delitz had prepared a sketch of each picture he was commissioned to paint them at a fee of 125 guineas each, Mr. Havers said. At no time was there a discussion about the material upon which he was to paint them.

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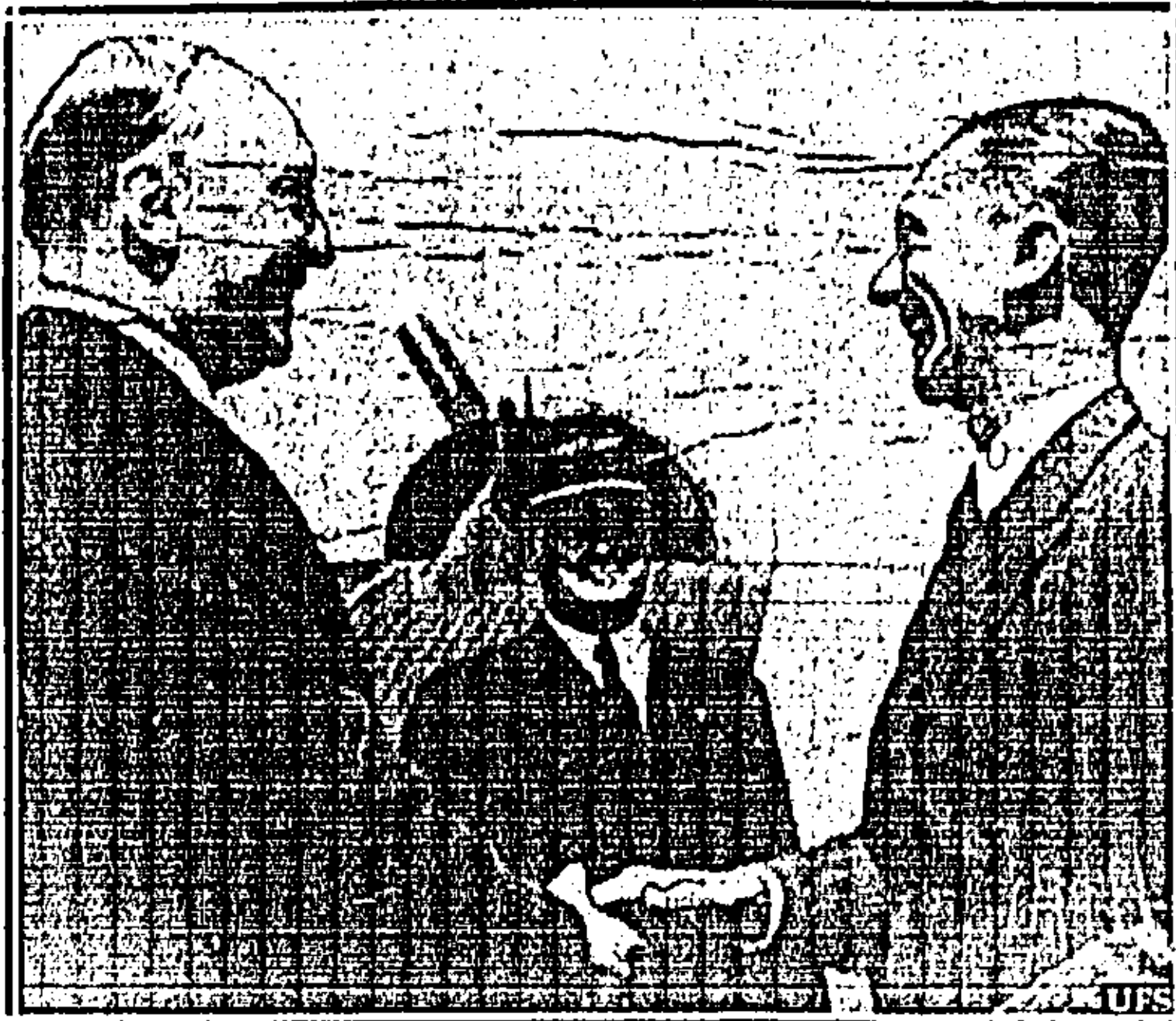
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Dr. Joseph Goebbels, German Propaganda Minister, right, is greeted in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, by Dr. Cincar-Markovic, Foreign Minister, during Dr. Goebbels' Near East diplomatic tour.

Million Engineers To Get Higher Pay

ONE MILLION engineering workers—many of them engaged in armament—are to receive an increase of 2s. a week in the national bonus.

This agreement on the unions' claims for higher pay was reached recently after a five-hour talk in London between the unions and the Engineering and Allied Employers' National Federation.

EMPIRE NEWS

MINESWEEPERS FOR WALVIS BAY

Cape Town. It was revealed in the House of Assembly that the Government intended to strengthen the defences of Walvis Bay, in South-West Africa, by allotting a number of trawlers for minesweeping and seaward defence.

Financial assistance would be given to the South-West African Administration for the formation of an active citizen force unit, and for the reconstitution of rifle associations.

It was recently announced that Walvis Bay would be made "battleship proof" with 9.2 guns. Although situated in South-West Africa, Walvis Bay forms part of Cape Province. It was British before the war and can, therefore, be fortified, whereas the surrounding mandated territory cannot.

INDIA

RURAL MEDICAL AID IN BHOPAL

Calcutta. A scheme for the provision of rural medical aid on a scale never yet attained in India has been prepared by Lt.-Col. Qadr. Abdur Rahman, Chief Health Officer, for the consideration of the Bhopal Government. There is little doubt that it will be adopted.

The plan aims at providing a dispensary for every 6,000 people in the State and a hospital for every 40,000. Communal Riot.—The police were forced to fire in self-defence when serious communal rioting occurred at Vellore in South India. The District Magistrate of North Arcot and the District Superintendent of Police, both Indians, were injured.

NEW ZEALAND

SUCCESS OF RAILCAR SERVICES

Wellington. A new railcar service has begun between New Plymouth and Wellington. The general manager of railways, Mr. G. H. Mackley, states that the two services already in operation in the Dominion have met with increasing popularity. As this new railcar is of an improved type, the Department is confident of its success.

The first service to be started was that which connects Palmerston North and the Waikarapa with Wellington, through the Manawatu Gorge and the Rimutaka Incline, where the grade rises 1 ft in every 14 ft over a distance of three miles. The second service connects Christchurch with Hokitika and Greymouth, through the 5¼ miles of the Oira tunnel.

Air Force Officer Killed.—An officer of the Royal New Zealand Air Force was killed and two others were badly burned when a Vickers "Vildebeest" machine crashed into a tree on the boundary of Wigram aerodrome recently.

A joint statement read:

"In full settlement of the unions' applications it is mutually agreed to recommend the following for acceptance by the respective constituent bodies:

"(1) That the national bonus be increased by 2s. a week to all adult male workers, this increase to apply as from the commencement of the pay period starting in the weeks beginning June 5.

"(2) The wages of apprentices, boys and youths, will fluctuate proportionately according to the national agreement of December, 1937."

OTHER UNIONS TO ACT

It is understood that the increase will apply equally to day and piece workers. Similar claims are likely to be advanced on behalf of the workers in other sections of the engineering industry.

The unions affected by the agreement had asked for the restoration of the pre-June, 1931, conditions as affecting piecework, overtime, night shift and shift conditions. The A.E.U. separately applied for a substantial increase in wages and the consolidation of bonus into war wages.

The other unions applied for an increase in wages for time workers, an equivalent advance for those under the system of payment by results, restoration of the rates and conditions which operated before June, 1931, a shorter working week, and a reduction of hours.

Girl Stages Own Art Show

AT the Redfern Gallery, 20, Cork Street, W.1, Miss Ursula McCannell has her first solo exhibition at the age of fifteen.

Miss McCannell was elected a member of the Women's International Art Club when 13, and her earliest pictures in the present show display remarkable precocity.

The technical ability apparent in some of these pictures is disturbing. They are smooth, finished, decorative, fit for the Royal Academy, and rather empty.

But Miss McCannell has passed through the Royal Academy stage. Her latest work is more serious and more sincere.

ITALIAN INFLUENCE

She has been influenced by Italian painting, has looked at El Greco, and has liked Augustus. John. She is attempting unpromising subjects—she seems pre-occupied with far from pretty Semitic heads. As her work loses in smoothness it gains in life.

Her last few pictures are imperfect, but they are experiments in the right direction. She could easily be a successful painter. Fortunately she has decided to try to be a good one.

New Guinea To Be Fortified

Sydney, Australia. — Australia's national defence programme has now been extended to include the fortifications of mandated New Guinea. Strategic bases will be established and adequate fortifications installed for the defence of Port Moresby.



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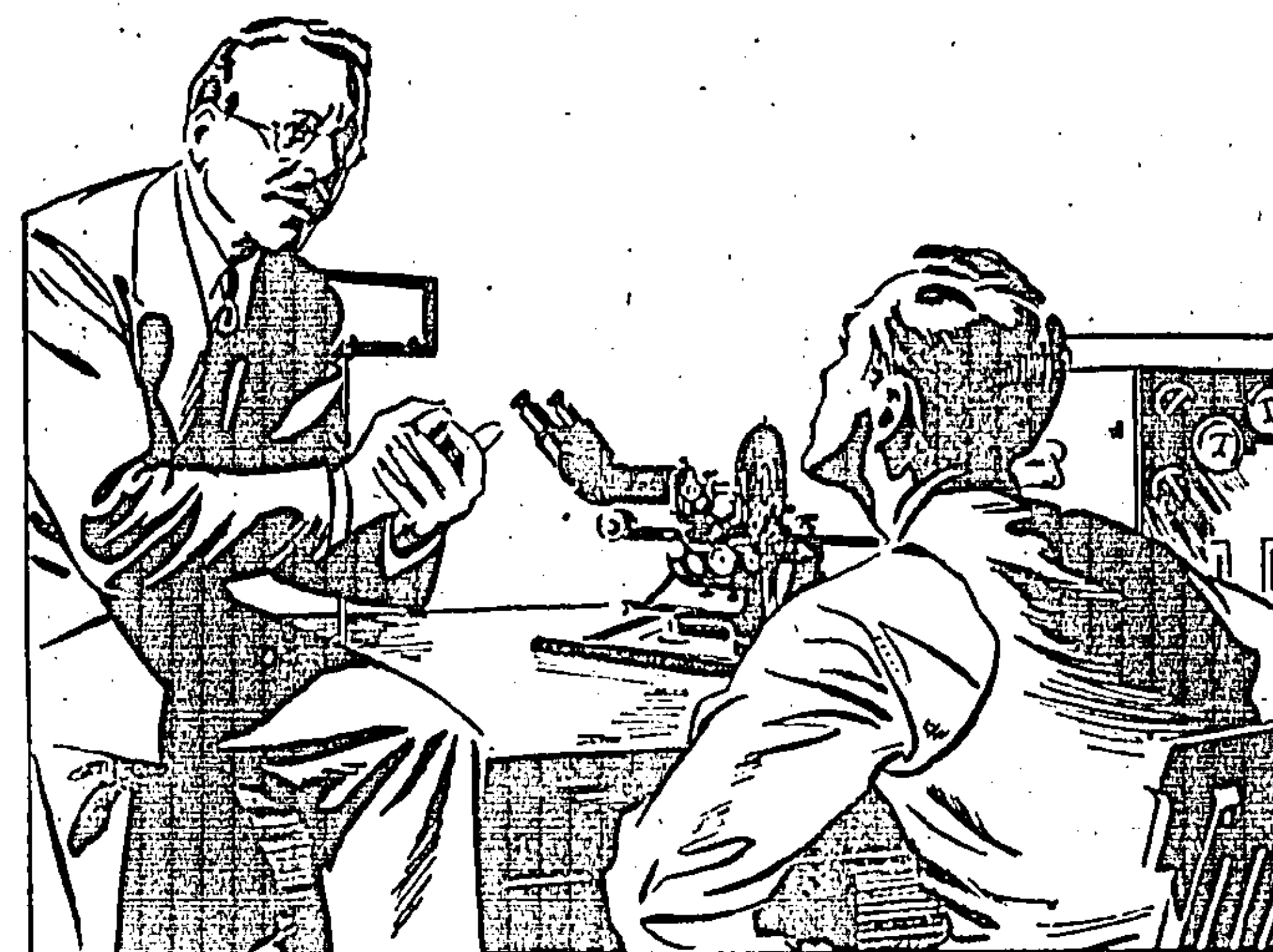
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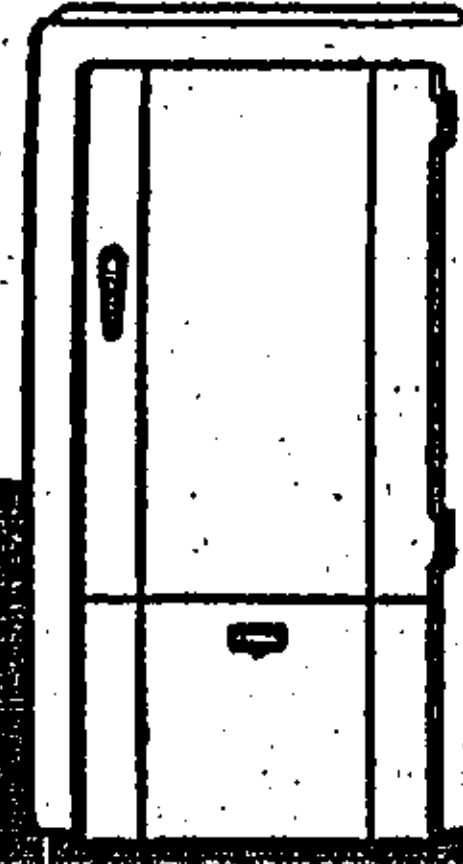
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MOTHER OF QUADS IS TIRED OF BABIES

No One To Visit Hers

IN the last three years more than 2,000 people have visited New Zealand's quadruplets. Now their mother, Mrs. G. Johnson, of Dunedin, has decided to ban all visitors until they are five years old.

"I'm tired of children," she said. "When I see a baby in a pram I'm not even interested in what it looks like. When friends tell me about their babies I scarcely remember if they're boys or girls."

"That's the result of having four at a time. Mine are lovely babies, of course, and I love them with all my heart. But I don't want any more."

Nature Good As Pied Piper

RAYMOND, Ore. This city has accidentally discovered the ideal way to rid a city of rats—provided the city is sufficiently near the sea. All that is necessary is to have a flood that will inundate all the basements and ground floors, forcing all rats into the open, whereupon sea gulls will do the rest. They seize and duck the rats. Raymond is now ratless.

Caterpillars Died of Heat In Ice-Box

SIXTY-FIVE caterpillars, sent to Australia in a sealed tin aboard the Imperial Airways flying-boat Champion, which left Southampton recently for Sydney, did not survive the 10,000 mile journey to Canberra.

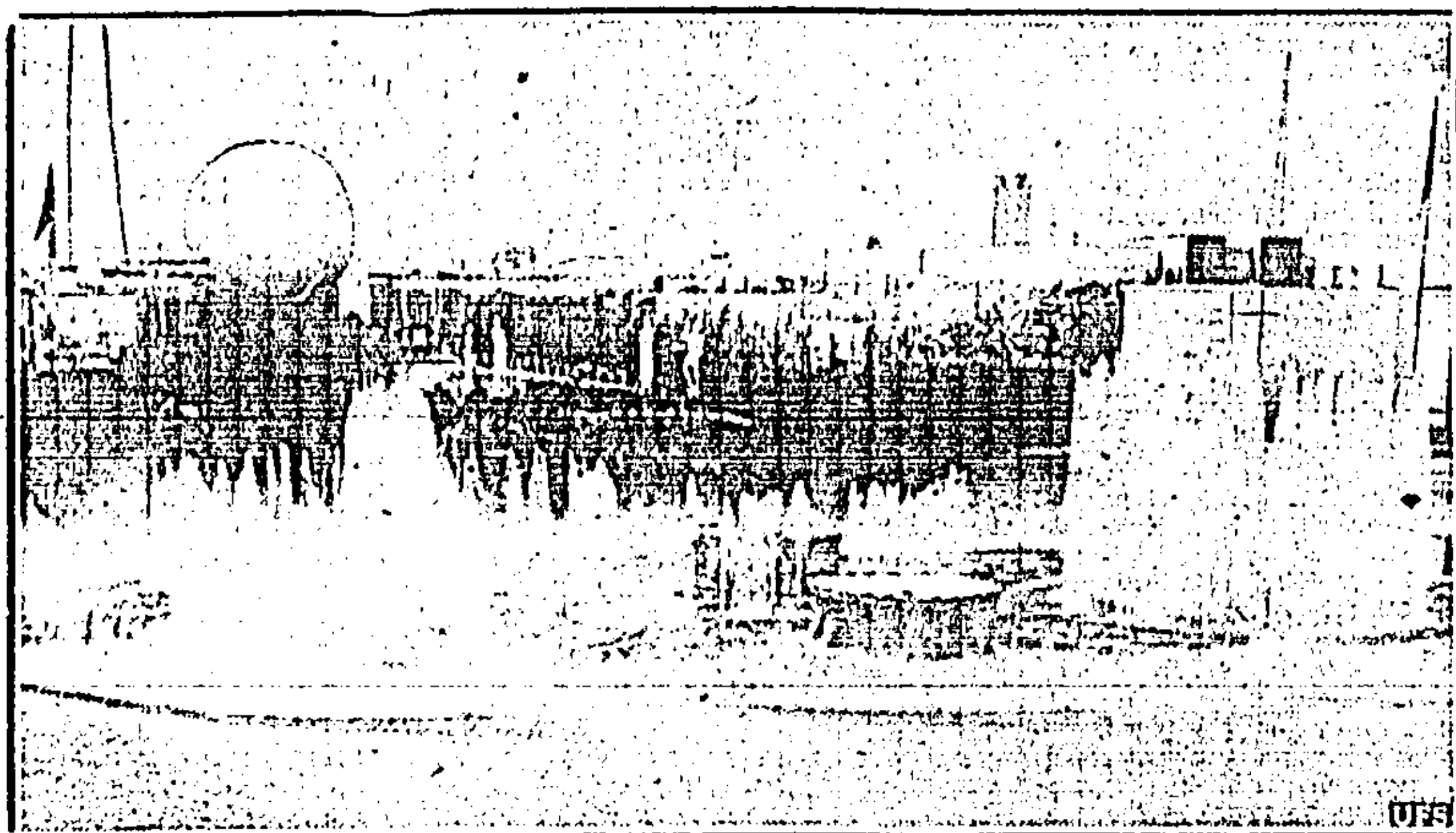
The caterpillars, gathered from oak trees, were to multiply and destroy St. John's wort, a weed dangerous to sheep. "We hoped to keep the caterpillars alive by maintaining a temperature of about 40 degrees in the vacuum flask inside the sealed tin," Mr. S.

Proposed Monument To Columbus

NASSAU. Mr. George MacDonald, a prominent New York Roman Catholic, Lady Williams-Taylor, wife of the Canadian banker, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, and Mr. Harold Christie, an architect, recently flew to San Salvador, one of the Bahamas, to inspect the site proposed for the monument to Christopher Columbus. The land first sighted by Columbus when he discovered the New World in 1492, was San Valador, and last October the Governor of the Bahamas, the Hon. C. C. Dundas, suggested that British and American visitors to the Bahamas should contribute to a suitable monument to the discoverer at San Valador.

They also approved a provincial contract, with a minimum salary of £2 10s. a week. Where higher salaries had been paid, the higher figures would be recognised. Rehearsal money would be paid at the rate of £1 a week, repayable by instalments; the number of students would be limited to 20 per cent. When a play was broadcast or televised, half the amount received by the manager must be divided among those taking part.

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Spray fountains in action at the New York World's Fair. At night these fountains in the Lagoon of Nations become breath-takingly beautiful, radiating rainbow-hued lights. Three years ago site of the fair was an ash dump on the Flushing meadows.

Stage Declares War On Bogus Manager

ACTORS and actresses—members of the British Actors' Equity Association—recently declared war on the bogus theatrical manager who leaves companies stranded in provincial towns.

They approved the principle of setting up a Provincial Theatre Council, which will register all artists and managers

and have the power to "black-list" managers with bad records. The council will have the power, where necessary, to require the payment of deposits as a guarantee of salaries.

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Mistletoe Bough Chest

THE Mistletoe Bough chest, in which, says tradition, a bride of an hour lost her life during a game of hide and seek four centuries ago, was sold at Christie's recently.

The chest is one of 143 treasures from the W. R. Hearst collection at St. Donat's Castle included in the sale.

Miss Alice M. Head, who is in charge of the disposal of Mr. Hearst's English estate, said: "Visitors to the castle showed such curiosity about the chest that we had the story printed as it is told in the old ballad 'The Mistletoe Bough,' by Thomas Haines Bayly, and presented each guest with a copy."

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Fugitive Takes To Mule

GAFFNEY, S. C. — Cherokee county police caught and arrested a man charged with bootlegging, but only after a lengthy chase. The bootlegger was attempting to escape on a mule, but the officers ran faster than the animal and made the arrest.

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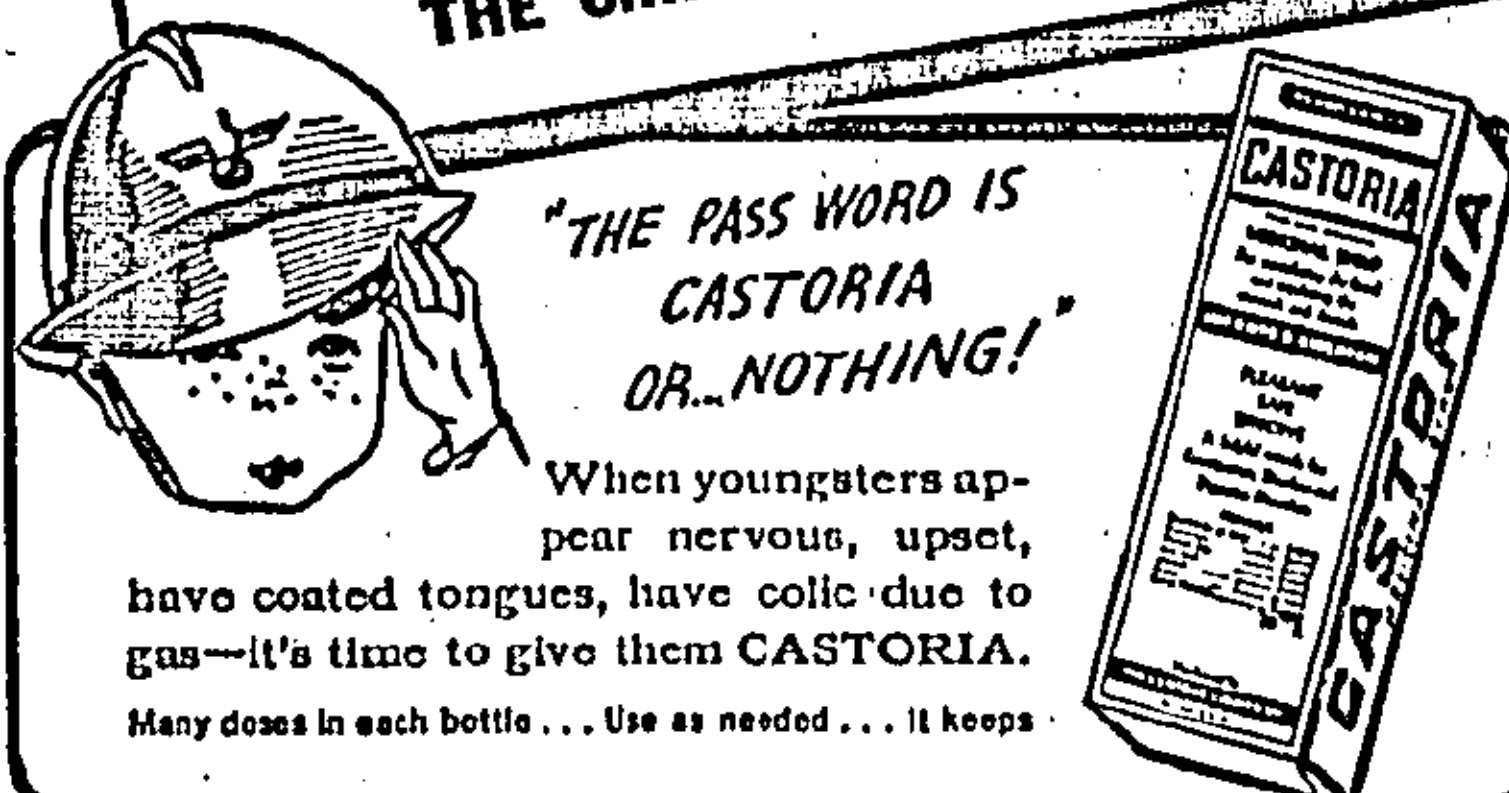
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TIENTSIN DEMANDS MET CLAIM JAPANESE

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locked up during the present intense heat, took part in a big exodus from Tientsin, many going to the seaside at Peltah and Shangkaiwan and others to Peking.

The Japanese Press announces that only these on official business in the Concession will be allowed to pass without being searched. The Japanese military spokesman at Peking stated that foodstuffs would be allowed freely to enter the Concession.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Reject Proposals

Tientsin, June 14. Acting on instructions from his Home Government, the British Consul at Tientsin called on the Japanese Consul-General at 8 o'clock last night and made proposals for the establishment of a joint commission including British and Japanese officials and a third-party member with the object of inquiring into the suspected assassins of Mr. Cheng Hsi-keng.

Following an urgent conference with the Japanese military authorities, the Japanese Consul-General rejected the British proposal. The Japanese authorities, it is pointed out, are especially opposed to participation by a third Power in the issue.

Meanwhile, in addition to Chinese quarter, foreign concerns in the British Concession including the American General Motors and Texas oil company have established temporary offices in the Third Special Administrative District.

Several German concerns have also opened offices in the First Special Administrative District to prepare for evacuation of the British Concession.—*Domei*.

Japanese Will Stiffen Demands

Tientsin, June 14. It is understood that extradition of the alleged assassins of Mr. Cheng Hsi-keng, former Chinese customs commissioner and manager of the Federal Reserve Bank at Tientsin, before 6 a.m. to-day would still satisfy the Japanese authorities.

After the isolation of the Concessions is actually enforced this morning, the Japanese authorities will not be satisfied by mere handing over of the criminals. The Japanese are understood to proceed ahead with the measures until the British completely change their attitude, it is pointed out.

While overland traffic along the roads to the British Concession will be restricted, all ships on the Peltah River will also be stopped and examined by the Japanese authorities.—*Domei*.

Italian, German Discrimination

Tientsin, June 14. The Japanese sentries are not halting and are not searching any automobiles flying the Italian or German flags.—*United Press*.

Blockade Begins

Tientsin, June 14. The threatened Japanese blockade of the British Concession in Tientsin began at 6 o'clock this morning, when armed forces were stationed at all entrances and exits to the Concession.—*United Press*.

GANG MOVIES UNDER BAN

MANILA. No gangster motion pictures of any kind—even those wherein the gangster comes to a sudden bad end—may be shown in the Philippines after May 10, in accordance with a decision of the Philippine motion picture censorship board. The ban was adopted in an effort to prevent Filipino underworld characters from copying the technique of movie gangsters.

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China Currency

Why Support Was Withdrawn

LONDON, June 13.

MR. F. J. Bellinger asked in the House of Commons to-day the reason for the serious fall in the exchange value of the Chinese dollar and why the Stabilisation Fund had ceased to operate.

Sir John Simon, in reply, referred the question to the statement issued in Hongkong on June 8.

Mr. Bellinger asked if the purpose of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund was not to keep the Chinese dollar stable and, as it had depreciated since, whether the Fund had ceased to serve a useful purpose.

Sir John Simon said he did not think that the Fund had ceased to be useful and he again referred the question to the Hongkong statement.

Mr. Bellinger asked whether the Fund had ceased to operate as British funds were involved.

Reason For Collapse

The Chancellor of the Exchequer again referred to the Hongkong statement "that which there could hardly be better information."

Sir John went on: "As is generally known, during the past weeks there has been no pressure on the China Stabilisation Fund and confidence in the National Currency remains unshaken. Control, however, temporarily withdrew its support on Wednesday in order to allow the exchange value of the dollar to be adjusted to a better economic level and, thereby, bring the balance of trade into equilibrium."

Sir John recalled a similar step taken last June and said that when the level of £d. was found, it was successfully maintained for twelve months.

It was confidently believed that the new level had now been found and could be strongly held. Many goods previously imported into China were now being made at home and a favourable harvest, which was forecasted by all reports, would also contribute towards reduced imports. Arrangements had been completed so that the government's requirements of foreign exchange for munitions and other supplies had been taken care of and would not come on the exchange market.

Finally, as the Stabilisation Fund had now been strengthened and further efforts to broaden the basis of the Fund had been successful, the ability of the authorities to maintain exchange could not be questioned. It was further emphasised that, despite the present adjustment in exchange level, National currency would continue to retain the confidence of the people because its free convertibility was at all times assured.—*Reuter*.

There's Gold In Beachcombing

San Francisco.

Beach-combing has taken on a new dignity here for the reason that the most valuable pickings consist of gold. During 1938, more than \$2,500 worth of gold flakes were recovered from the sands of the beach, the Federal Bureau of Mines reports.

PLIGHT OF REFUGEES

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special arrangements have been made to permit a proportion of the refugees on the steamship St. Louis to land in Britain.

"This cannot be regarded as a precedent for the reception in future of refugees who may leave Germany before definite arrangements have been made for their admission elsewhere", he said.—*United Press*.

Refugees Saved

London, June 13. The Evian Committee has saved all the German Jewish refugees on board the Steamer St. Louis and has induced Belgium to temporarily refuge 250; The Netherlands 194; France approximately 200 and Great Britain the remainder, after the United States joint distribution committee had offered to pay for their maintenance.—*United Press*.

British Asylum

London, June 13. Figures published here on Tuesday indicate that 20,000 political refugees have entered England since 1933. Of these, 4,000 have left for other countries. The bulk of the immigrants arrived in England since January of this year.—*Trans-Ocean*.

American Jews Aid

London, June 13. The temporary accommodation of the steamer "St. Louis" refugees passengers in England, France, Belgium and Holland was made possible because the American Jewish Committee offered to deposit

Salvaging The Centurian

London, June 13. The Postmaster General announces that salvage of the Imperial Airways liner Centurian is proceeding. The Calcutta mail will be dried and forwarded as it is recovered.—*Reuter*.

Divers' Difficulties

Calcutta, June 13. Divers and dock officials are experiencing difficulty in raising the Centurian. The tail of the machine was sticking out of the water yesterday but it submerged when the diving boat shifted about 200 yards during the night.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Workers' Plight In Pootung

Chungking, June 13. A Shanghai message states that 600 workers of the British-owned China Printing and Finishing Company's factory at Pootung are in dire plight as a result of the Japanese authorities' refusal to let the factory to reopen.

The workers are now appealing to various public bodies in Shanghai for help.—*Central News*.

\$500 for each refugee until they could be emigrated to America.—*Trans-Ocean*.

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th June	Imperial Airways Plane	June 15.
Manila	Pres. Taft	June 15.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
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Fort Bayard	Haidawins Wed.	June 14, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Seitan	Wed. June 14, 3 p.m.
Alcey	Tsianan	Wed. June 14, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Hono- lulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan- American Airways Direct Service" —due San Francisco, 21st June.	Pan American Airways Plane	Wed. June 14. K.P.O. Reg. June 14, 5 p.m. Ord. June 14, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. June 14, 5 p.m. Ord. June 15, 7.30 a.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Hohow	Thurs. June 15, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Sochow	Thurs. June 15, 2 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Thurs. June 15, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Taisang	Thurs. June 15, 4 p.m.
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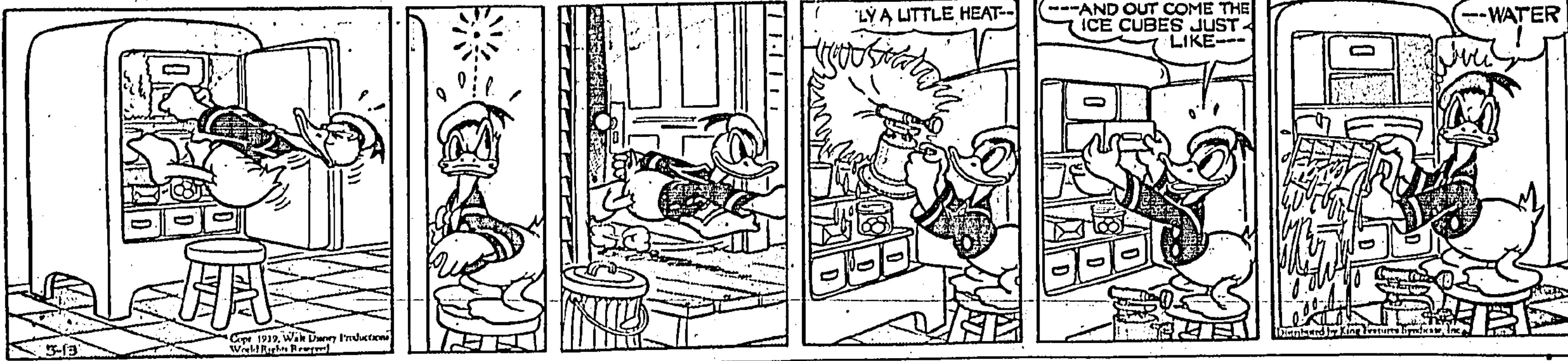
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GRAVE TIENSIN SITUATION DESCRIBED IN COMMONS

LONDON, June 13.

IN THE House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in response to a request from the Labour Member, Mr. Noel Baker, for a statement regarding the situation in Tientsin, said the assassination of the Chinese official in the British Concession on April 9 was the first case of violence in the concession since the outbreak of hostilities.

"The assassin, a Chinese, escaped and the Municipal authorities invited the Japanese to co-operate in the investigations and search for the murderer," said Mr. Butler.

"Several raids were made in the Concession resulting in arrests. The Japanese then reported that four of those arrested were members of a terrorist gang connected with Chen's murder and the deaths of three Japanese soldiers.

"These men were handed over to the Japanese for questioning and they made confessions implicating themselves which they later retracted when they were returned to the custody of the British authorities.

Alleged Torture

"A warning proclamation was made by the British authorities on June 7 that any further acts of violence would be dealt with by handing over those concerned to the de facto authorities for trial or by expulsion from the Concession.

"The four men in question were arrested before this proclamation was issued and, in the absence of evidence connecting them with the crime—other than their own confessions which they alleged they made while under torture—the British Government does not feel justified in handing them to be handed over to the local district court."

"The British Consul General accordingly informed his Japanese colleague that the four men would be held by him pending the production of further evidence, failing which they would be expelled from the Concession," continued Mr. Butler.

"Two other men found in possession of a bomb were handed over to the Japanese authorities.

"Any further offences will be dealt with under the terms of the British proclamation. The Japanese have indicated that they consider this reply to be unsatisfactory and measures have already been taken to remove Japanese business employees from the Concession and to isolate it. The situation is serious, but negotiations are still proceeding and it is hoped that a settlement will be reached."

Statement in Full

LONDON, June 13.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, spoke of Tientsin incidents in the House of Commons. He said: "On May 9 the Manager of the Federal Reserve Bank and the newly-appointed Superintendent of Customs were assassinated in the British Concession. This was the first case of violence in the concession since the outbreak of hostilities. The assassin, a Chinese, made his escape. The Municipal authorities invited Japanese co-operation and carried out a number of raids in the Concession as a result of which several arrests were made.

"The Japanese alleged that four of these men were members of a terrorist gang connected with the deaths of three Japanese soldiers. The men were handed over to the Japanese for questioning and made confessions implicating themselves which, however, they later retracted when returned to the custody of the British Municipal authorities.

"A warning proclamation was made on June 7 that any breach of neutrality henceforth would be dealt with either by handing over the culprit to the de facto authorities, by trial, or by expulsion from the Concession.

"The four men in question were arrested before the issue of the proclamation. In the absence of evidence connecting them with the crime, other than their own confessions made when in the custody of the Japanese—and as they alleged, under torture—the British Government does not feel justified in handing them over to the local district office. This attitude is in accordance with the practice followed for the past twenty-two months.

"The British Consul General accordingly informed his Japanese colleague on June 7 that the four men would be held by him pending the production of further evidence, failing which they would be eventually expelled from the Concession. Two other men found in possession of bombs would be handed over and, henceforth, offenders would be dealt with as announced in the proclamation.

"The Japanese have intimated that they consider this reply unsatisfactory."

and certain measures have already been taken to effect the removal of Japanese business houses and employees of the de facto Chinese authorities from the Concession and to isolate it. The situation is serious but negotiations are still proceeding and it is hoped that a settlement can be reached."

Grave Results Envisaged

Mr. P. J. Noel-Baker asked if Government would explain to the Japanese that their present persistent action against the International Concession was one which must lead to the gravest results if it were to continue.

Mr. Butler replied that he thought the Japanese authorities were aware of the British Government's attitude and he had described it in the answer just given to the House.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether it had not been the custom in the past and whether it would not be possible in the future, to establish a court or to send these men to one of the courts within the British Concession where they could be tried with all the evidence.

Mr. Butler replied that there were particular circumstances in this case and he was quite sure that every possibility had been considered.

Mr. F. J. Hollinger said he and the House would welcome a satisfactory statement that the British Government would not tolerate what the Japanese had stated they would do, namely, blockade the British Concession in Tientsin.

Mr. Butler thought that Mr. Hollinger had better refer to the last sentence of his answer stating that the situation was serious but negotiations were still going on—*Reuter*.

Mr. James Edward Henry, manager of Reuters, Ltd., Singapore, was married recently in Singapore to Miss Maura Betty Pigott, of Darwin and Sydney.

Miss Beatrice Henry, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid and Mrs. R. F. Young, the bride's sister, acted as matron-of-honour. The wedding reception was held at Mrs. Young's home. Mr. A. Graham Hay was best man. The honeymoon is being spent at Cameron Highlands.

Campbell Case: Police Statement

Detective-Inspector R. Cunningham, who is in charge of the investigations into the mysterious death of Mr. J. H. Campbell, whose dead body with multiple injuries was found in Peking Road on Sunday, stated this morning that the police possess no evidence to suggest that Mr. Campbell was the victim of foul play.

The police he added, are working on two or three theories, but they do not know yet what actually happened.

Mr. Cunningham admitted that the deceased might have fallen from a height, or have been knocked down by a car. His injuries were consistent with either.

Guarantee For Baltic Urged

In an article in the *Evening Standard*, Mr. Duff Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty, urges the British Government to guarantee the independence of the Baltic States without delay, and to ally with the Soviet. The Baltic States were to the Soviet what Belgium was to Britain and in the latter case the guarantees would stand whether they were welcomed by Belgium or not. *Trans-Ocean*.

First Run Film For The Oriental

John Garfield, whom film stars will remember as the young actor who stole the honours in "Four Daughters," shown at the King's Theatre recently, will be seen in the Oriental Theatre to-morrow when "Blackwell's Island," a Warner Bros. production, opens a three-day session at this popular picture house as a first run picture at the usual prices.

Garfield made his first appearance in movie pictures in "Four Daughters," but he did so well that he was selected to play the lead in "Blackwell's Island," a picture exposing the gangster racket which played such havoc in America a few years back.

Assigned to cover the waterfront for his paper, Garfield, who plays the role of a reporter in his first starring vehicle, runs up against a gang who runs the "waterfront protection racket." He is warned time and again not to interfere but he does not relax in his efforts even after the leader of the gang is jailed. He works his way into prison and then fights his way out again after he has found enough evidence to prove that even the warden had fallen victim to this all-powerful gang.

Garfield is the type of actor that should prove tremendously popular with local audiences. He takes very clearly and his acting is of such high order that we should see a lot more of him in the near future. He has been hailed as the second Paul Muni but those who have seen him make so bold as to predict an even bigger future for this young actor who has advanced more rapidly to the forefront than anybody else in modern screen history.

Living up to their reputation of always giving their thousands of patrons value for their money, the management of the Oriental Theatre are not stopping at just one first-run picture at the usual prices. They will put on "Little Miss Thoroughbred" immediately after "Blackwell's Island" and then it is mentioned that Miss Ann Sheridan and John Littel have the leading roles in "Little Miss Thoroughbred," that should be enough guarantee of a very entertaining picture.

Little four year old Miss Janet Chapman, whom film executives call the second Shirley Temple, has a very important role in the picture and should take local audiences by storm.

The local cinema public will be pleased to learn that the Oriental Theatre have concluded arrangements to show a number of first run pictures in the immediate future, and no "roadshow prices" are contemplated.

Palestine Affairs Explained

GENEVA, June 13.

THE events of the past year were outlined to the Mandates Commission by the British representative, Mr. Moody, to-day.

Mr. Moody stated that by the end of April, terrorist bands had been broken up. In May, efforts to effect illegal immigration of Jews became an important factor.

The immediate Jewish reaction to the recent White Paper was perceived to be hostile but it was too early to define the attitude of the Arabs. Questions by members of the Commission regarding the character of the disturbances and the sources from which arms and munitions were obtained, elicited the reply that the bulk of the arms and munitions used during the war and were largely derived from stores concealed in Palestine itself.

Dealing with Trans-Jordan, Mr. Moody said that despite the efforts of the people to join in favour of the terrorist activities of Palestine, Trans-Jordan remained calm.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will address the Commission on June 15.—*Reuter*.

Herr Hitler At Berchtesgaden

Berlin, June 13.

Herr Hitler is en route to Berchtesgaden where he is expected to stay several weeks or, possibly, two months.—*Reuter*.

THE MONEY IN THE ZOO

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the menus of snakes and other tropical creatures.

Even the water for the aquarium has to be brought specially from the Bay of Biscay. For some strange reason, artificial sea water is useless, even though it is perfect as far as its chemical composition is concerned. Fish that were placed in artificial sea water first went blind, and then died.

The experts now declare that real sea water contains mysterious elements, equivalent to our vitamins, which the scientist cannot introduce no matter how much he tries.

The other important item is, of course, the purchase of the animals themselves. Usually, the Zoo keeps up its stock of exhibits by a system of exchange with other zoos. But animals have to be bought, too, and stiff prices are asked for the rare species. Ming, the baby Giant Panda, cost the Zoo £800, but this amazing creature has proved one of the greatest bargains ever.

Ming has drawn such extra crowds that she is reckoned to have paid for herself already. Some elephants, too, are paying propositions. One is reputed to have earned the Zoo some £5,000 during the years in which its broad back has carried many thousands of passengers.

But there is another side to the picture. A few weeks ago death deprived the Zoo of Mukiri, a female bongo, which was valued at £200. Yet this rare animal probably attracted less attention than a monkey costing £3, and there are many other rare exhibits sharing the same meagre publicity.

Now add to these bills the cost of fuel for keeping delicate animals warm, the money that has to be expended on maintenance and up-keep of the various buildings, and the immense variety of other items which immediately spring to mind. It is not difficult to see that, taking everything into consideration, the Zoo does very well to provide such a show on a yearly income of £113,000.

"IF ONLY WE CAN STAY NEUTRAL..."

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pasture, thousands of miles of forest land, cheap electric power from the rolling rivers, and small populations.

All three countries, Estonia especially, are fine holiday countries for English people.

There are fine sandy beaches, safe bathing, grandiose pine forests; good eating and drinking—and a little nervousness. Nerves on edge because of the attractiveness of the country to a nation lacking the eggs and the milk and the butter which are here in superabundance.

Now across the Baltic to Helsinki, capital of Finland, which has an area of 149,586 square miles and a population of less than 4,000,000. Please do not think of this capital as a wooden village in the back of beyond. It is a great modern city.

Sweden, I find, is quietly putting her house in order in case the Baltic storm breaks. I was interested to learn that her Foreign Minister taught himself Finnish so as to speak more easily with his opposite number in Helsinki.

Norway, like her neighbours, gets ready while hoping for the best. No fear anywhere on the northern shores of the Baltic, but quiet preparation.

Yet, whether it be on the northern shores or on the southern side of the Baltic—but more particularly on the northern side—eyes turn to Great Britain and her sea power. It is a legend grown out of the never-forgotten past.

Julian, remember, was a battle fought in the very near neighbourhood.

Franco For Rome

Rome, June 13.

General Franco is visiting Rome at the end of September according to a message from Burgos.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1889.

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play at the Murray Barracks this evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. The following will be the programme:—March, "Praeludium"; Devery, "Quadrille"; "Arabesque"; "Bullik Polka"; "Trot in a Jolt"; "Fahrbach"; "The Mikado"; "Ducal Galop"; "Uber Stuck and Stiel".

A Junk-master and two others were charged before Mr. Pollock to-day with resisting authority, in the persons of a number of excise officers, at St. John's Cathedral. The officers went aboard to search for opium, and the prisoners discouraged them by flourishing a revolver. One of the worst flourishers was fined \$10—the others got off on payment of \$8.

An interesting presentation was made on the O. & O. steamship *Gaelic*, early this week, in connection with the recent record-breaking runs of that vessel. In the presence of a million-folk, passengers and friends, Captain Pearce presented the chief engineer, Mr. Tomlinson, with a handsome carriage clock and a heavy English Albert. On the clock was the following inscription:—"Presented to Thomas Tomlinson, chief engineer of the a.s. *Gaelic*, by his captain and shipmates, to commemorate the event of having accomplished the fastest trip between San Francisco and Yokohama up to date. Yokohama to San Francisco, April 1889; San Francisco to Yokohama, May 1889." Messrs. Gaupp & Co. supplied the presents.

The case of the Government messenger, charged with delivering threatening letters to the keeper of a native bungalow, was before Mr. Vothhouse to-day. Dr. Ho Kai defended Dr. Stewart (The Colonial Secretary) attended, and after examining the letters, and the signatures did not resemble those of the person to whom they were addressed. Mr. Brown, the Surveyor-General, also attended, and identified the stamps on the letters. Information was required, Mr. Cooper might know, but he was at Tiatum. He could investigate the matter in the Department, which was directed to any investigation being made except by the Police and remanded the case, so that Mr. Cooper might attend.

25 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1914.

The R.M.S. *Dufferin*, which arrived in the harbour to-day, brought on board the 74th Punjabi Regiment and Nos. 2 and 3 Companies of the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion of the Royal Garrison Artillery. Yesterday the 8th Punjabi, whose place is being taken by the 74th Punjabi, moved to the camp at Hung Hom, vacating quarters for the new arrivals, who were housed in the barracks at the wharf. The new comers will take over the Whitefield Camp Barracks.

The 74th Punjabi were formed in 1776, by Captain Donald Campbell on drafts from the fifth, ninth and tenth Carnate Battalions and were originally styled the fourteenth Carnate Battalion. During its history the regiment's designation has been changed many times, the first being in 1784 when the title was altered to Madras Battalion. In 1796, to the 14th Madras National Infantry; 1824 14th Regiment Madras Infantry; 1901, 14th Madras Infantry; and 74 Punjabi, their present designation, in 1905.

The standard, which has been found on many of the principal Eastern battlefields, bears a Dragon with the motto "Ready and True" and also the following:—England, Mysore, Malindipoor, China, and Burma 1845-57.

The composition of the regiment as given in the Indian Army List is as follows:—Four companies of Punjabi Mussalman, two companies of Sikhs, one company of Baluchis, and two of Punjabi Hindus.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the Resolute won the third test race between the American Cup defenders.

The Resolute is the New York Club's candidate for the honour of defending the American Cup against Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, Shamrock IV. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt is the chief financial backer of the boat. The Resolute is only 105 feet in length, and, if she wins the elimination trials, she will be the smallest yacht that has ever participated in a race for the famous Cup.

10 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1929.

The authorities are doing their utmost to supplement the water supplies of the Colony by opening up a number of wells, whilst nullah streams are being treated at various points, with effective warnings displayed to the effect that the water thus secured must be boiled before using.

With regard to the use of water from steamers and tankers, a reader says it would be quite feasible for vessels to put in at Tiatum Bay and get with half a mile of the reservoir, he says, could either be floated or brought along bamboo staging. The water could thus be taken direct into the pumping plant and transmitted to the reservoir which feeds such a large part of the Colony.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 *Zarah Leander* (Vocal) and *Barnabas von Gezey and His Orchestra*. Siciliana (Apollonio); Blue Skies (Rikner).... *Barnabas von Gezey and His Orchestra*; Longing (from German Film "To New Shores").... *Zarah Leander* (Vocal) with *Orchestra* (Sung in German); Red Lips (Kotscher); Southern Skies (Kunze).... *Barnabas von Gezey and His Orchestra*; Darling.... *You Are So Different*. To-day (Fenyess-Amberg); Don't Say "Goodbye"—Say "Au Revoir" (Fenyess-Amberg).... *Zarah Leander* (Vocal) with *Orchestra* (Sung in German); Black Orchids (Richard); Adieu—March (Olivier).... *Barnabas von Gezey and His Orchestra*.

1.30 *Reuter and Rugby Press*, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 *Beethoven—Trio In D Major*, Op. 70, No. 1. Hepzibah and Yehudi Menuhin (Piano and Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 *Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel*.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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New German Cruiser

Berlin, June 13.

The fifth German 10,000-ton cruiser to be launched will be the Bremen on July 1.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

No doubt the suggestion will be taken due note of by the water supply Committee.

5 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1934.

Excitement was caused at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank this afternoon by the detection by bank officials of a number of exceedingly clever forgeries of \$500 notes.

This morning, one forged note believed to have originated in Banca was being discovered later.

Examination of other notes revealed that about a dozen other \$500 notes in the bank's possession were forgeries.

A bank official described the forgeries as "very good and said that they could only be detected by examination of the watermarks, round which in the forgeries, there is a white ring.

Other local banks have been warned.



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Polish Economic Mission

Warsaw, June 13.

The Polish economic mission headed by the former Finance Minister, left for London to discuss the question of financial co-operation between Poland and Britain.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

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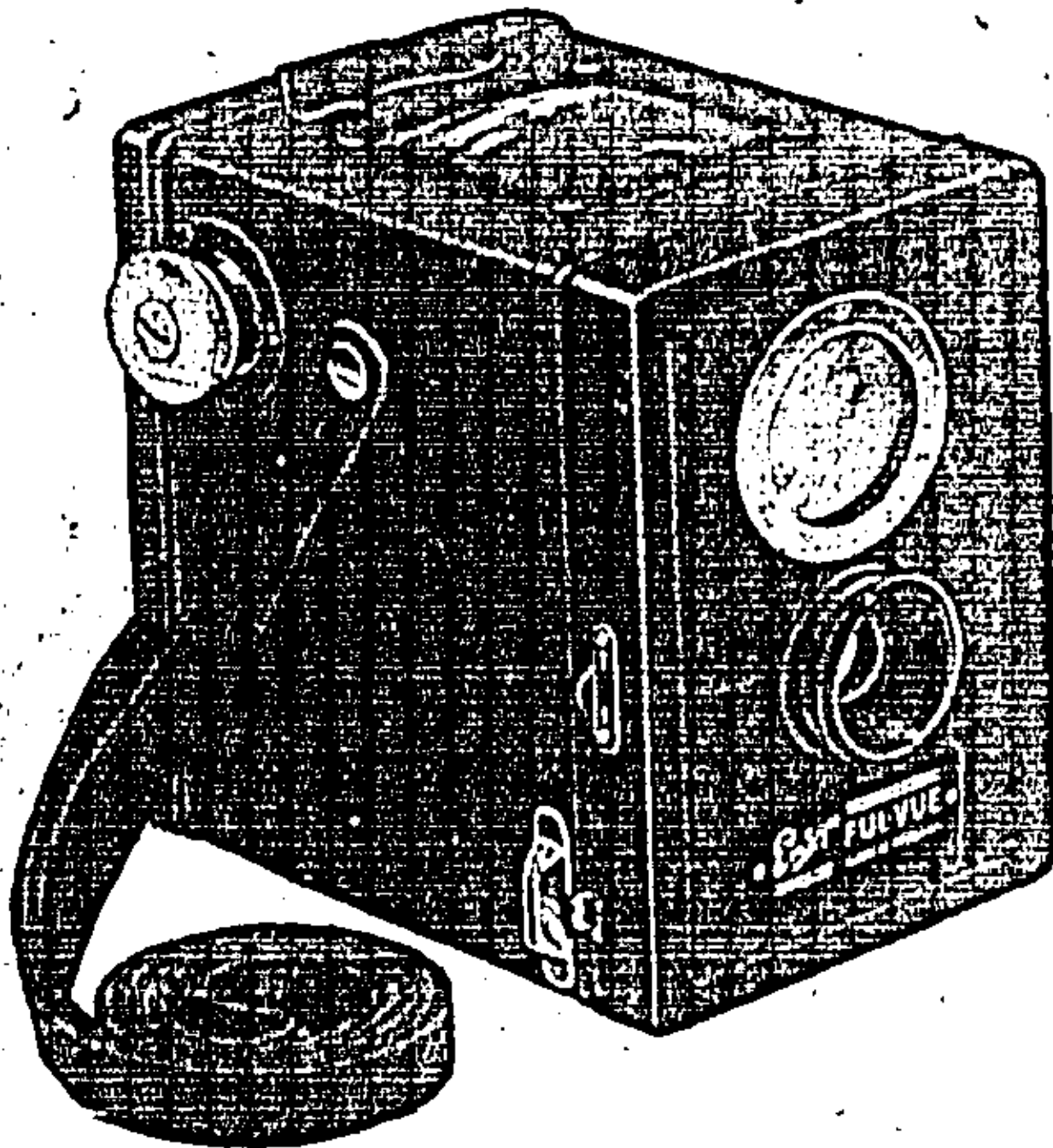
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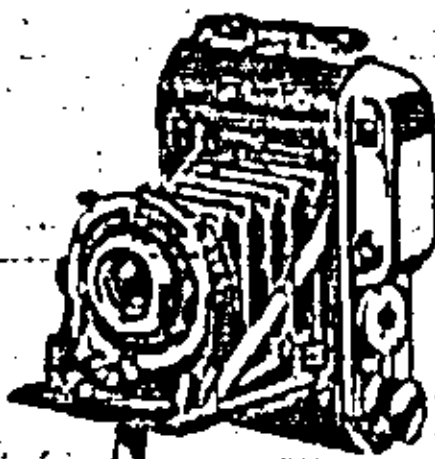
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Warning To Japan

The Japanese blockade of the
 British Concession in Tientsin
 officially came into operation this
 morning, and no one can con-
 template the eventual outcome
 of this action with anything but
 alarm. The future of all foreign
 concessions in China may well be
 in the melting pot. Japan has
 not attempted to hide her inten-
 tions, which include the virtual
 elimination of the Western
 Powers as powerful political and
 commercial factors in China.
 The blockade of Tientsin with,
 presumably, the final object of
 acquiring control of the foreign
 settlements, may be the signal
 for the attempted realisation of
 Japan's ultimate aspirations.

The importance of the Tien-
 tsin blockade is more futuristic
 than immediate, and any success
 which the Japanese may gain in
 this project is likely to mean
 more to them psychologically
 than materially. Japan places
 greater importance on securing
 control of the Shanghai Interna-
 tional Settlement than in bring-
 ing the British Concession in
 Tientsin to its knees, but in
 achieving the latter she will
 gain confidence in attempting
 the former. Lord Ellbank's
 warning in the House of Lords
 on Monday that the Japanese
 were planning a coup in Shang-
 hai for July 7 may have been
 prompted more by a sense of the
 dramatic than by a knowledge of
 facts, but his statement acquires
 particular significance when it is
 considered together with the
 persistent Japanese hints, both
 official and inspired.

The shorter view is that the
 Japanese action in Tientsin is
 yet another gesture; a stupid,
 arrogant expression of Japan's
 contempt for the Western
 Powers, and of her now violent
 dislike of Britain. It is hard to
 believe Japan is deliberately
 goading Britain and her friends
 into armed retaliatory action,
 particularly as the China In-
 cident has gone anything but to
 plan. On the other hand, Japan
 cannot expect the affected
 foreign Powers to remain in-
 different for an indefinite time.
 Britain's attitude throughout the
 China war has been exemplary.
 She has endeavoured to meet
 Japan more than half-way over
 every issue. Japan's reply has
 been to press more and more
 demands, and to add insult to
 insult.

Public and parliamentary
 opinion in England naturally is
 hardening to a dangerous degree.
 Japan, no matter how legitimate
 she considers her East Asia
 aspirations, should endeavour to
 deal with the many problems
 which her actions have created
 in an intelligent and conciliatory
 manner. Blockades of, and mili-

tary threats to foreign settle-
 ments cannot produce the desired
 results. Japan is more
 building up a passionate world
 opinion against herself, which,
 if ever it has to find expression,
 will involve Japan in the greatest
 catastrophe of her history.

A PREMIER SPEAKS FOR THE SEVEN COUNTRIES OF THE BALTIC

**"If only we can
 stay neutral..."**

THE Prime Minister of one of the Baltic countries—
 political considerations compel him to remain
 anonymous—said to me the other day: "We are
 preparing to defend ourselves; all of us around the Baltic
 are doing so, but we do not regard the situation quite
 in the grave manner that other nations have perhaps the
 right to do.

"We shall protect our independence and we hope to retain
 our neutrality, realising, however, that our riches, acquired by
 hard work and not by any other means, may attract an envious
 neighbour less happily placed.

"The future of the Baltic countries," he added significantly,
 "depends on British sea power."

That Premier's view I found corroborated many times during
 the tour I have just made of the Baltic countries.

In reviewing the situation here I would like to write first
 about the Baltic interests of Russia and Poland. No layman
 knows the real sea power of the Russian Fleet.

I do know, however, that the
 Russian naval base in the Bal-
 tic, Kronstadt, is the most secret
 naval dockyard in the world.
 No civilian is allowed to live
 there unless he has special police
 permission, no Russian, unless
 he is an official, is allowed to
 visit Kronstadt, and no foreigner
 has ever been there since Stalin
 has been in power.

Russia fought hard to retain
 Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania,
 but these new States, helped
 with British and French war
 material, defeated the Bolshe-
 viks, as we called the Russian
 Army in those days.

Now the threat to the inde-
 pendence of these new Baltic
 States is believed to have shifted
 from east to west, and Rus-
 sia's Baltic interests compel her,
 so as to avoid having a common
 frontier with Germany, to help
 retain the independence of these
 Baltic countries and to keep
 them as buffer-States.

In a Vice

NOW we come to Po-
 land. Look at the
 map of the Baltic and you will
 see Poland's interests. The fall
 of Austria and Czechoslovakia
 began the German encirclement
 of Poland; the annexation of
 Memelland, a part of Lithuania,
 continued it; if Germany an-
 nexes the remainder of
 Lithuania, Poland will be held in
 a powerful German vice.

The Danzig question is a mat-
 ter of current politics, and all
 I would say under this heading
 is that, having watched the
 gradual infiltration of German
 interests back into this former
 German Baltic Port, I am at a
 loss to understand how anybody
 can have any reasonable doubt
 that Germany, either by direct
 negotiation with Poland or by a
 coup de force, will fail to reunite
 Eastern Prussia with Germany
 proper, via the Danzig bridge.

Denmark preserved her neu-
 trality through four years of
 hell and secured for herself the
 province of Schleswig, which was
 returned to her after the Allies
 held a plebiscite in the territory
 Germany held.

Denmark to-day consists of
 17,144 square miles of territory
 and a population which is in-
 ferior to that of London, but, re-
 mark this, the coastline of Den-
 mark is equal to the coastline of
 France!

Objections may be raised that
 this length coastline includes the
 islands which abound round the
 coast; it does, but the islands
 have to be defended, as has the
 mainland, if defended it can be.
 But can it?

Denmark has an Army con-
 sisting of about 100,000 men.
 So far as foreign policy is con-
 cerned, Denmark stands in with
 her northern neighbours, Nor-
 way and Sweden, and latterly

by
**HARRY
 GREENWALL**

Finland has moved into this
 orbit and away from the Baltic
 entente, which consists of
 Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Nazis in Denmark

THERE is a sharp divi-
 sion between the four
 Baltic countries and the group
 of three, and I can find no evi-
 dence whatsoever that all seven
 will group themselves together.

Although all declare their one
 interest is defence of indepen-
 dence and neutrality, the group of
 three looks to Poland for protec-
 tion, and the group of four—to
 Great Britain, although none
 will affirm this officially.

Official spokesmen in Copen-
 hagen "play down" the activities
 of the Danish Nazi Party, which
 polled 30,000 in the recent
 Danish election, and point out
 that this poll was not important,
 in consideration of the fact that
 only half of the population voted,
 on a universal suffrage ballot.

It is agreed here that German
 propaganda is active in Den-
 mark, and that wherever there
 is a German minority there is
 danger; but still, officially at
 least, there is no present fear.

I put this question to a Danish
 diplomat; "If Hitler demanded
 that your Premier Mr. Thorvald
 Stauning, goes to see him, what
 then?"

"He would not go," was
 the reply.

Lithuania was in the news
 some time ago when Germany
 walked in an annexed a slice of
 the country and became the
 possessor of Memel, probably



the finest and most modern com-
 mercial port of its size in North-
 ern Europe.

Look at the map and see how
 the big guns Germany is at this
 moment mounting in Memel are
 going to be useful in controlling
 a big section of the Baltic. Then
 there is the submarine base as
 well.

Has Germany any other poten-
 tial interests in Lithuania which
 may influence a final decision?

She most undoubtedly has, but
 these interests are economic and
 not political. Long before the
 coming of Hitler the Germans
 were hard at work in the new
 Baltic States selling German
 goods, establishing German
 banks, and opening German
 schools.

During the past four years
 British trade in the new Baltic
 countries has improved; in
 Estonia, for instance, imports
 from Great Britain have doubled
 themselves during the period I
 have mentioned. British pres-
 tige in the Baltic is as high
 to-day, as it has been in the
 past. The prospects for British
 trade in the future are very
 bright, unless...

Unless the German pressure
 on the Baltic countries forming
 a buffer between Germany and
 and Russia is increased so much
 that breaking-point is reached.

Germany wants these coun-
 tries to sell all their produce to
 her and take German manufac-
 tured goods in exchange, not
 cash.

If these countries surrender,
 unemployment in Great Britain
 will increase. These countries
 are mainly agricultural, export-
 ing to Great Britain; I know
 many of my friends will aver
 that if exports from the Baltic
 are cut off, British farmers will
 benefit, but British exports
 trade will suffer first.

Latvia, with an area of 24,435
 square miles and a population of
 1,900,000, has a tale to tell
 which is similar to Lithuania's;
 German penetration, and latterly
 German pressure.

Estonia, the next-door neigh-
 bour to Russia, has an area of
 26,000 square miles and a popu-
 lation of 1,126,000.

All these three countries, the
 buffer States, fear they may be
 future German colonies. They
 have riches of the land, grand
 PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

The Money In The Zoo

By David Murphy

THE builders are in at the London
 Zoo. The famous old Elephant
 House is coming down and out of its
 ruins will arise a new building that
 is to cost £25,000. And if you think
 that is a large amount to spend on
 a building for housing animals, you
 must remember that there is big
 money in a big Zoo.

Actually, the 100-year-old Ele-

phant House was due for replace-
 ment in any case but even the large
 finances of the Zoological Society
 would not stand the strain of an
 additional £25,000 in expenditure
 without some help.

That help, in the shape of a dona-
 tion of £10,000, came from the
 Maharajah of Bhavnagar, and the
 elephant who will later revel in
 sand baths and warm sprays will
 have to thank him for his generosity.

The last report of the Zoological
 Society shows that 1,816,012 people
 visited the Regent's Park Zoo last
 year, and between them they paid
 £27,313 in entrance fees. But large
 though this figure may seem, it is
 well below that for the record year,
 1928, when there were 2,225,002
 visitors.

Entrance fees, however, do not
 constitute the Zoological Society's
 whole income. The 1938 report gave
 the total income for the London Zoo
 as £112,997, while the year's expen-
 diture was £112,408, leaving a bal-
 ance on the right side of £589. The
 figures for Whippsnade are kept
 separately.

Where, you may ask, does all this
 money go? The answer is not dif-
 ficult when you consider some of the
 items on the expense side, quite
 apart from the large sum of money
 required to pay the salaries and
 wages of officials and keepers.

One of the largest individual items
 is food. In addition to the occupants
 of the aquarium and the reptile and
 insect houses there are some 1,030
 mammals and 1,950 birds in the Re-
 gent's Park Zoo. It costs £15,000 a
 year to feed them all.

Among other things, the animals
 last year consumed 91 tons of hay,
 160 tons of clover, 124 tons of horse-
 flesh, 9 tons of monkey nuts, 12 tons
 of bread, 4½ cwt. of honey and
 244,649 bananas.

Nor did the Zoo caterer's troubles
 end there by any means.
 In addition to the normal items
 of diet, he had to provide such things
 as shrimps, vitamin foods, canary
 seeds, egg-yolk, oilcake, sealions for
 the fish and tons of fish for the sea-
 lions, to say nothing of the hundred-
 and-one queer foods that figure on
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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I'll be polite and speak to her—but I absolutely refuse
 to notice what she's wearing."

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

GERMANS MOVE ON SLOVAKIA

Army Occupies Another Zone

Rumours of German troop movements towards Slovakia have been circulating during the past few days and have now increased. Official German quarters, without confirming the reports, admitted the possibility of such movements as part of the German military occupation of the mountainous border zone between Moravia and Slovakia provided for under the Reich took Slovakia under her protection. They also admitted the creation of a zone to include the construction of blockhouses, barracks and military aerodromes, but they were unable to confirm whether these have been actually begun.

It is recalled that the Treaty provided that Slovakia would maintain her own armed forces and that there would be no German military occupation of the country, although Germany assumed ultimate responsibility to guarantee territorial integrity.—United Press.

Thousands Over Border

Warsaw, June 13. Czech registered Reich refugees arriving at the refugee camp near Crecow reported that there were German troop movements along the Slovak-Polish border.

Four thousand soldiers, officers and non-commissioned officers from the Czech Army have crossed the frontier in the past few days and entered the camp. The Polish military authorities have erected this camp pending further disposition by the Polish authorities.

The former Czech General, M. Prachala, visited the camp on Monday. The refugees reported that the Czech civil population is bearing the cost of the German military occupation.—United Press.

Czech Seeks Refuge

Warsaw, June 12. Wozata Benes, 62, ex-Deputy of the Czech Parliament and elder brother of the ex-President, arrived to-night with his wife after fleeing across the frontier from Bohemia. Mr. Benes said he had slipped through the Gestapo net and left the Protectorate illegally without a permit. When in better health, he hopes to go to America to join his brother.—United Press.

Conciliatory Methods

Prague, June 12. Passive resistance by the Czechs against Germany, which continues under the surface, is causing the German authorities considerable worry although the Protectorate is generally quiet and no new incidents have been reported.

Furthermore the relaxation of the German repressive measures at Kladno is regarded as a definite indication that the German Government does not consider the situation to be serious or likely to precipitate an immediate crisis.

Further indications of the German authorities using conciliatory methods as far as possible towards the Czechs are seen in the frank statement that the persons responsible for the shooting of the Czech policeman at Nohod would be tried and speedily sentenced.—United Press.

Lawlor Charged

Attack On Duchess Of Kent

London, June 13. When Ledwedge Vincent Lawlor appeared on remand at Westminster Police Court to-day, it was revealed that he will be further charged with a similar offence on June 4.

Counsel for the Director of Public Prosecutions, in describing the circumstances, said that the second occasion was when a window of Lord Harewood's house was broken by a bullet. Pieces of lead were collected the following morning inside the dining room. The house was examined by gun experts who would say that, although the pieces resemble cartridges, they cannot be definite they are identical.

Describing the circumstances of the shooting near the Duchess of Kent on June 5, Counsel said that a married couple saw the prisoner sitting on the top step inside the porch of a house holding something which they thought to be a piece of wood. Prisoner aimed at the corner of Belgrave Square where the Duke of Kent's house was situated and fired. The only thing in the line of fire was the Duchess's car, which was moving off. The weapon was a .22 rifle. The German manufacture, the stock and barrel of which were sawn off, making accurate shooting impossible. Twenty-one rounds of ammunition for the one and 10 air gun pellets were found on Lawlor, and when his lodg-

JEWS PROTEST

Weizmann's Letter To Mandate Commission

London, June 13. "The strongest possible protest" against the British Government's White Paper on Palestine, and a call to the League of Nations to uphold the "internationally recognised rights" of the Jewish people, is made in a letter from Dr. Weizmann, Chairman of the Jewish Committee, to the Permanent Mandates Commission now sitting in Geneva.

The new policy of the British Government, says the letter, denies to the Jewish people the right to reconstitute their national home in Palestine.

Dr. Weizmann declares that the White Paper, in effect, abrogates the recognition expressed in the Balfour Declaration that Palestine will be a national home for the Jews, and a mandate of a special status for the Jewish people.—Reuter Special.

Commission Begins

Geneva, June 13. The Mandates Commission began its examination of the 1938 report on the mandate for Palestine and Transjordan. The report deals with the question of application of the mandate charter, Jewish immigration, the possibility of collaboration of Jews and Arabs in land tenure, public security, terrorist bands and various other matters.

When Mr. Malcolm MacDonald arrives the Commission will interrupt its examination and discuss the recent White Paper on Palestine, as well as appeals from the Jewish Agency for Palestine and other organisations.—Reuter.

Bomb Outrages

Jerusalem, June 13. No less than seven bomb outrages occurred in and around Tel Aviv last night and this morning. Several telephone boxes were destroyed and an English policeman was injured.

The execution of an Arab irregular, who had been sentenced to death by court-martial, took place this morning.—Trans-Ocean.

Five Arabs Murdered

Iifa, June 13. Five Arabs were murdered in a raid on a village in the outskirts of Haifa by a party of men dressed in European clothes.

British troops were called out to search Tel Aviv following a series of bomb explosions which wrecked six telephone booths and slightly damaged the railway station.

A British police constable was injured in a bomb explosion at Jaffa.—Reuter Bulletin.

FEARFUL SMASH

Car Hits Crowd At Full Speed

Belgrade, June 13. A serious motoring accident is reported to have occurred near Ralibor this morning when one of the sides of an overcrowded motor lorry carrying 55 persons suddenly collapsed, hurling 20 passengers into the road.

A passenger car travelling at full speed drove into the heap of people hurled from the lorry on to the road. Five persons were killed outright and several others received such grave injuries that their condition is almost hopeless.

There appears to have been considerable delay before the injured persons were taken to hospital owing to the attitude of some motorists who passed the scene of the accident but refused to convey the victims of the accident to the nearest hospital.—Trans-Ocean.

Refugees Relief: Fine Work By Missionaries

Chungking, June 13. Foreign missionaries are continuing war relief in China with energetic efforts.

Medical relief among Chinese wounded soldiers in Chungking has been considerably accelerated since the arrival on April 15 of a truckload of medical supplies under the escort of foreign doctors headed by Dr. Greene. The medical supplies were sent by the American Advisory Committee in Shanghai.

Significance is attached to the decision of a meeting of American medical missionaries recently held in Shanghai urging that the Foreign Mission Boards should make a special effort to reinforce medical

Major Law Released

Tientsin, June 13. Major Law, of the Royal Army Service Corps, was detained for a very short period and released immediately upon the British Consul-General, Major G. A. Herbert's request.

The incident was kept very quiet and was not known locally until receipt of a Press query from Shanghai.—United Press.

Japan And Military Alliance

Berlin, June 13. Mr. Shiratori, Japanese Ambassador to Rome, arrived to-day to confer with Mr. Oshima, Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, regarding the Japanese proposals for strengthening the anti-Comintern Pact.

Mr. Oshima has frequently made contact with Herr Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, during the last few days, but it is understood that the Germans are dissatisfied with the slowness of the negotiations.

The Japanese on the other hand profess themselves very optimistic. The Japanese proposals, which arrived a week ago, have not been published, but earlier reports from Tokyo suggested that they fell short of the maximum desired by the Axis partners. It was stated that Japan was anxious to limit commitments to the Far East.—Reuter.

FATSHAN RELEASED

Coming On Saturday With Passengers

The Japanese authorities in Canton have given permission for the China Navigation Company's river steamer Fatshan to leave Canton on Saturday morning with passengers for Hongkong.

It will be recalled that the Fatshan was held up by the Japanese last week. It will be recalled that on June 9 the Canton Japanese Consul-General issued a statement saying that the Fatshan would not be allowed to proceed to Hongkong. The reason for this was that the British authorities were not respecting the spirit and letter of the memorandum concluded between the British Consul-General and the Japanese.

Consul's Statement

Canton, June 13. The steamer Fatshan, which was prevented from sailing last week, is sailing on June 17 with passengers. Mr. Okazaki, Japanese Consul-General, stated: "The British Consul-General withdrew the original interpretation of the shipping memorandum which led to the holding up of the Fatshan. He now agrees with the Japanese interpretation that any Japanese vessels, as long as they are chartered by the Japanese Government, will be allowed to visit Hongkong weekly, whether ocean or river vessels, carrying any civilian passengers."—Reuter.

Athletes Star In Studies

Ann Arbor, Mich. The bromide that athletes are short on brains is good for at least two laughs at the University of Michigan. Lester Persky, varsity gridder, and Dave Cushing, pole vault star, have earned perfect scholastic records.

Tientsin

JAPANESE START TO MOVE

Restrictions On Traffic

Tientsin, June 13. The Japanese military authorities issued a proclamation to-day restricting traffic along the roads leading to the British and French Concessions from 6 a.m. on June 14, Wednesday, with a view to preventing the activity of anti-Japanese Communist elements in the city.

Under the proclamation, traffic is totally closed to all passages to the British and French Concessions except Wankuokiao (International Bridge) which will be opened from 6 a.m. until midnight. Yamaguchi Street, Asahi Street, Fuyoo Street, the British Racecourse, and Taitan Road, which will be opened from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.—Domei.

Hour Of Blockade

Tientsin, June 13. The Japanese authorities here to-day announced that the blockade of the foreign concessions will start at 5 a.m. to-morrow.—United Press.

No Nervousness

Tientsin, June 13. On the eve of the threatened blockade there is no evidence of nervousness among Britons, but rather signs of ire and a dogged determination to stick out, although the situation is admitted to be very grave.

Precautions taken by the British authorities include frequent lorry patrols by the Durhams along the boundaries of the Concession.

The commander of the Japanese garrison has issued a proclamation banning pedestrian and vehicular traffic between the British and French Concessions and the Japanese Concession and native city later than 6 a.m. on June 14.

The International Bridge is to be closed from 6 a.m. to midnight, while all pedestrians and vehicles are liable to examination and search by Japanese at seven points.

All vessels plying on the Hai River, which runs through Tientsin, will be subject to search either at the D.K.K. Wharf, from the German Bund, or near the Japanese bridge.—Reuter.

Blockade Not Against Americans

Chungking, June 13. The Japanese authorities have notified the American Consulate General that the Japanese blockade of the British and French Concessions would not affect the 450 odd American nationals in Tientsin.

Food and provisions necessary for these Americans, it is stated, will be allowed to pass through the blockade. The Japanese authorities are even prepared to supply them with other daily necessities if they cannot get these themselves.

The Japanese authorities also intimated that special passes will be issued to press representatives to enable them to enter or leave the blockaded areas.—Central News.

London Comment

London, June 13. Although the Japanese have refrained from imparting their intentions to the British Consul General, Tientsin, the latter is aware that starting on Wednesday, barbed wire will surround the British Concession with armed Japanese sentries and pickets to prevent both human and commercial traffic entering and leaving the area.

Reliable sources state that Britain is considering an eleventh hour compromise, but it appears doubtful that anything short of complete satisfaction of the Japanese demands can avert aggravation of the dispute.—United Press.

Considered By Cabinet

London, June 13. The difficult situation which has arisen in Tientsin was among the matters considered by the Cabinet Foreign Affairs Committee at 10 Downing Street over which Mr. Chamberlain, Premier, presided.—Reuter.

England Shows Interest

London, June 13. The Japanese blockade of Tientsin attracts wide attention, coupled with the threats to Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, which evokes big headlines in most papers. "Times" diplomatic correspondent describes the Tientsin crisis as "the ugliest situation Great Britain has yet faced throughout the Sino-Japanese war. Throughout the week-end telegrams have been going back and forth between Whitehall and the British Ambassador in China and the Consul-General at Tientsin.

"At the moment, however, the Japanese will consider nothing but the fulfilment of their demands. Influential circles in London are putting strong pressure on the Government to take definite action to uphold British rights and interests in China.

To-morrow the appeal of Lord Ellbank, former President of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, to the Government to close Singapore and Penang to Japanese ships will be repeated in the House of Commons.

A strong depiction is to interview Mr. R. A. Butler to-morrow and will American press for multitudes of consular certificates of Chinese exports, stifling the defences of Shanghai, and other measures as circumstances may demand.

Recent months have seen a remarkable stiffening of opinion. Even the newspapers traditionally friendly to Japan have modified their attitude.

The Government replies to questions in the House of Commons "that the matter was being taken up with the Japanese and would be handled over.—Reuter.

Maniac Repents

Budapest, June 13. Sylvester Matunka, who in 1930 and 1931 derailed a number of fast trains in Hungary and Germany by blowing up the lines and causing casualties of 22 dead and 123 injured, has now, from the Hungarian goal of Walsz where he has been serving a life sentence, submitted to the Hungarian Patent Office plans of an invention making it impossible in the future to cause such railway disasters.—Trans-Ocean.

Centurion Sinks

Flying Boat Founders Near Calcutta

London, June 13. The British flying boat Centurion sank to-day in Hoogly River eight miles from Calcutta.

The flying boat had alighted on the water and was about to be towed into the harbour when an accident occurred. Four passengers and the crew of five were rescued.—Trans-Ocean.

The Imperial Airways Hongkong office have been advised of this accident from London, and state that the accident occurred at 11.55 a.m. GMT, yesterday. The boat was being towed into harbour when a gust of wind elevated the tail and depressed the nose, thereby causing the boat to sink. The mail is being salvaged with the help of the port authorities.

Difficult To Salvage

London, June 13. This morning the flying-boat had shifted its mooring and was entirely submerged. It will be difficult to vage her.—Reuter Bulletin.

Pilot Seriously Hurt

London, June 13. An aeroplane crashed at Thornwood near Epping, Essex, on Monday afternoon, and fell on a munition depot belonging to the British Air Force.

An explosion occurred, but the extent of damage is not known. The pilot of the plane was seriously injured.—Trans-Ocean.

Dolphin Departs

Carrying one passenger, Miss A. K. Pohl bound for London, the Imperial Airways plane Dolphin left Kai Tak yesterday morning for Singapore.

The plane set out at 7 a.m. but had the misfortune to strike a soft patch on the airport and become bogged. After coolies had done a good deal of digging the plane was hauled to firm ground and a successful take-off made at 9 a.m.

Delia Arrives

The Delia, which was damaged in Indo-China a few weeks ago, arrived here yesterday but carried neither mails nor passengers.

30,000 Ft. In Glider

Berlin, June 13. Erich Kloecker, 25-year-old German gliding pilot, has just reached an altitude of well over 30,000 ft. in a Kranich sail-plane at the Prien aerodrome. This attempt was not on the altitude record as the plane was towed to a height of 15,000 ft., but it was made as a first experiment to test the possibilities of penetrating the stratosphere in a glider.

It is but a short time ago that such an altitude was a record even for engine planes, and the limit has certainly not yet been reached.—Trans-Ocean Special.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. June 16. Imperial Airways 7 a.m. June 20.

For Chungking, Siam etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.

For U.S.A. via Manila and Guam: Pan-American Honolulu Clipper 8.30 a.m. June 16.

For France, via Hanot: Air France 9.30 a.m. June 17.

Inward

From London and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. June 15; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. June 19.

From U.S.A. via Guam, and Manila: Pan-American Honolulu Clipper 12 noon, June 15.

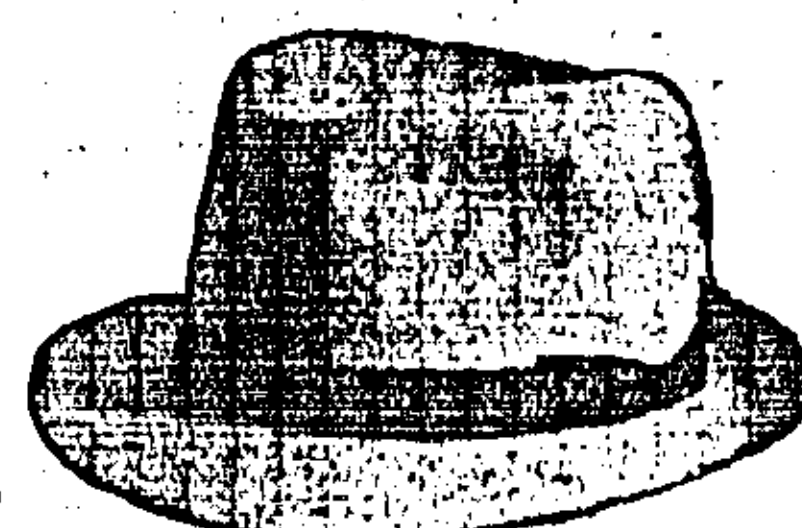
From Chungking, Yunnan, Kweichow: C.N.A.C. and Eurasia services indefinite.

From France, via Hanot: Air France 1 p.m. June 14.

smiles, while all sides emphatically think that Japanese military aggression of British rights will become more and more aggravated, until Great Britain plainly shows that she is prepared to retaliate.—Reuter.

British Proposal

London, June 13. Information has been received that the British Government has proposed to the Japanese the appointment of a commission of three, composed of one Japanese, one British and a neutral Chairman, to decide whether the Chinese demands by the Japanese in Tientsin are guilty and should be handed over.—Reuter.



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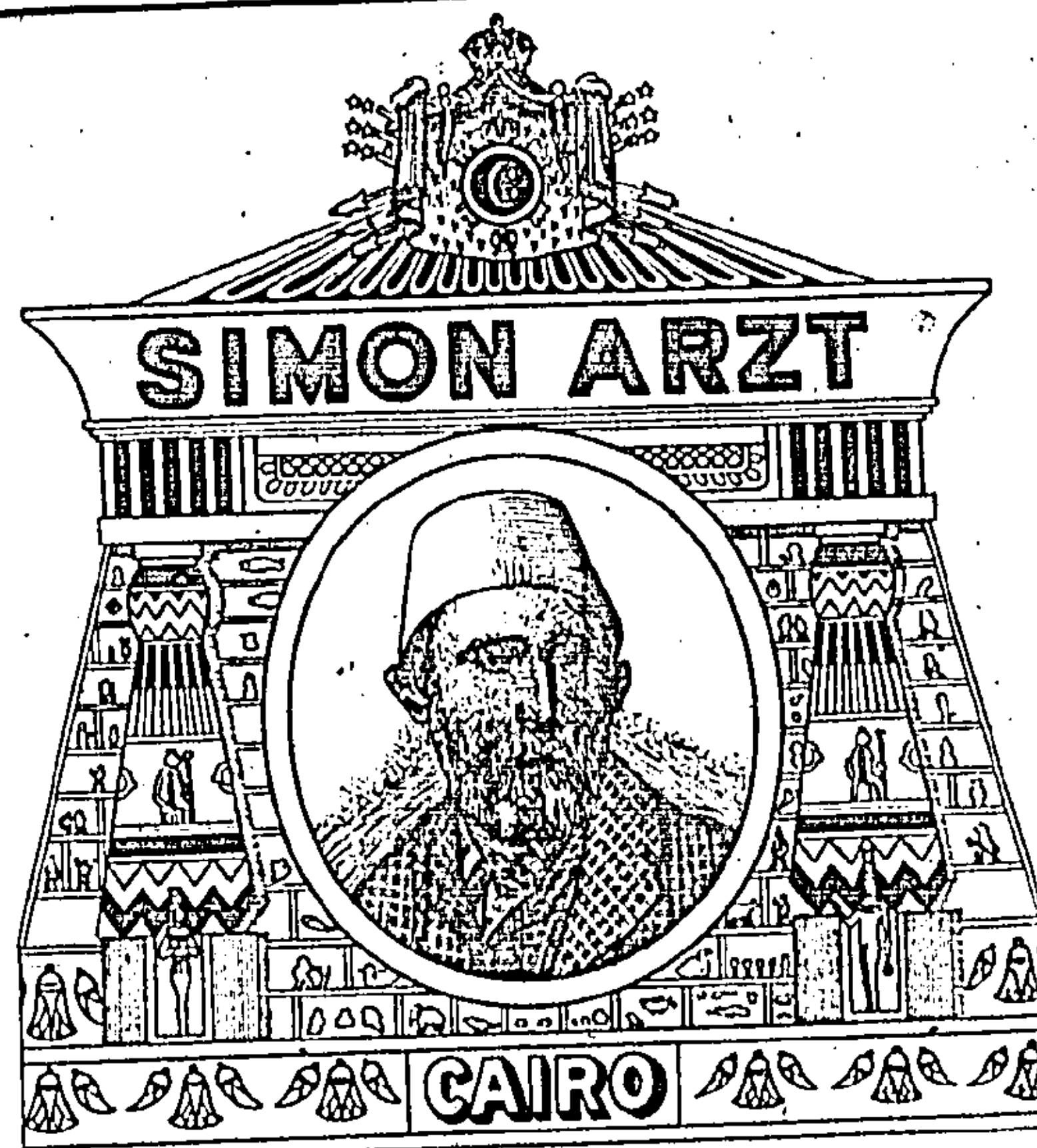
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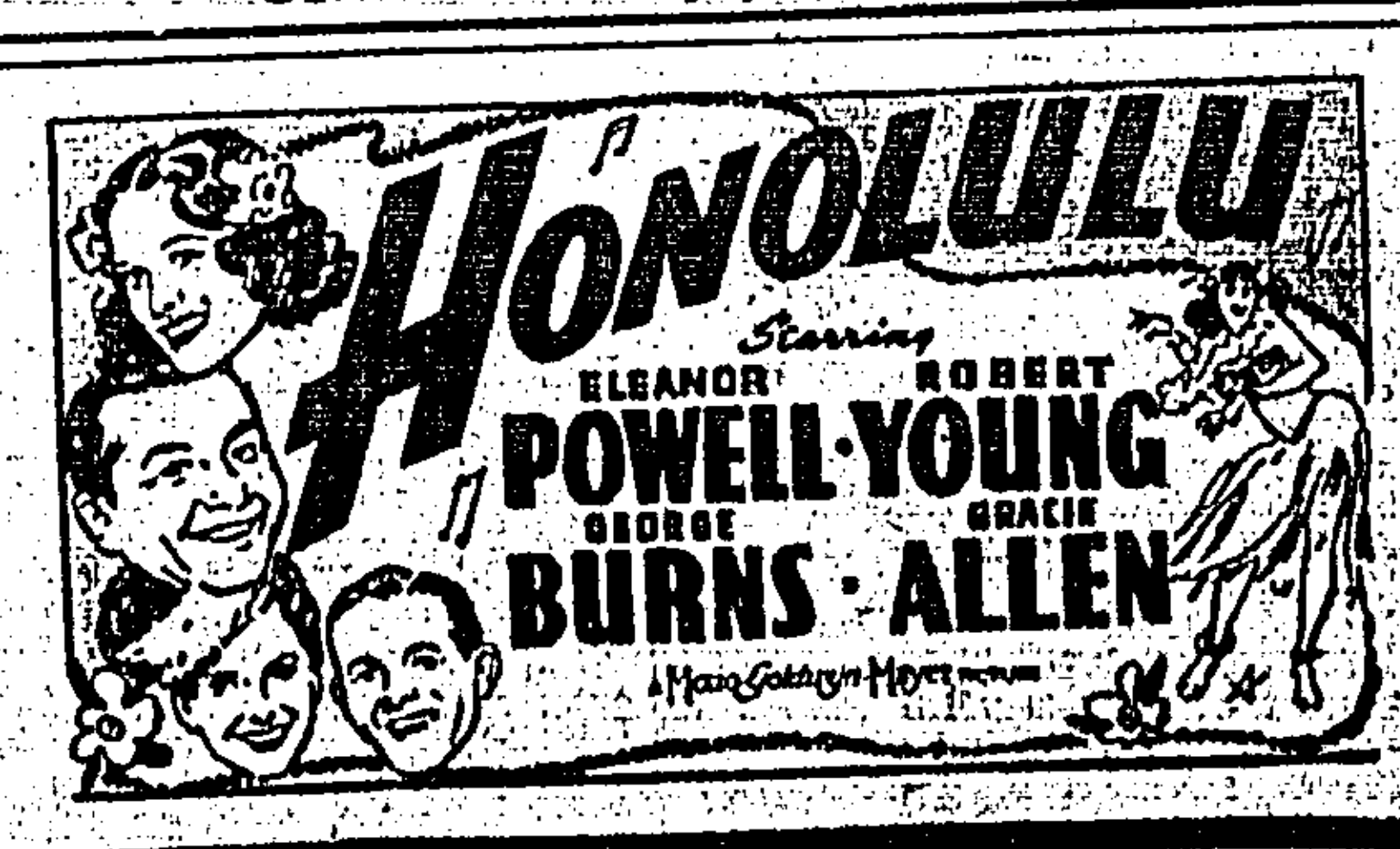
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ANOTHER CROP OF CENTURIES IN COUNTY CRICKET

BUT ONLY FOUR ELEVENS WIN TIES OUTRIGHT WEST INDIES TOURISTS FORTUNATE AT DERBY

Another crop of centuries was produced in the County Cricket Championship programme concluded yesterday, a feature being the number of centuries who remained undefeated. Of the eight matches played in the championship, only four ended in definite results, the other four being won only on first innings.

As already reported, Yorkshire and Gloucester won by an innings over Middlesex and Essex respectively, the matches taking only two days. Surrey and Kent also completed their fixtures yesterday by beating Sussex and Leicestershire respectively, each by nine wickets.

Lancashire declared twice in an attempt to force a win against Nottingham at Manchester but had to be content with the points on first innings.

After scoring 141 in reply to Hampshire's total of 304, Warwickshire made a good recovery in the follow-on, which realised 400 for five wickets.

The West Indies tourists were in a bad way against Derbyshire, but managed to hold out to a draw. At close of play the tourists were still 95 runs behind with only four wickets to fall.

Results and details of matches are carried by Reuter.

The following were the leading performers in the programme just concluded:

BATTING	
Gibbons (Worcester) v. Northants	222*
Dal Davies (Glamorgan) v. Somerset	210
Leyland (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex	180*
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex	175
Dollery (Warwickshire) v. Hampshire	170
Oldfield (Lancashire) v. Nottingham	147*
Smart (Glamorgan) v. Somerset	141
Palmer (Worcester) v. Northants	132
Prentice (Leicester) v. Kent	110
Holt (Hampshire) v. Warwick	115
Brookes (Northants) v. Worcester	111*
Nutter (Lancashire) v. Nottingham	109*
Arnold (Hampshire) v. Warwick	109
Fishlock (Surrey) v. Sussex	107*
Foster (Kent) v. Leicestershire	107
Ord (Warwickshire) v. Hampshire	105*
Welch (Free Foresters) v. Cambridge	104
Emmett (Gloucester) v. Essex	99
BOWLING	
Copson (Derby) v. West Indies	6 for 73
Bowes (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex	4 for 20



Herbert Sutcliffe still going strong despite his age.

dilex (Gloucester) v. Essex	5 for 20
Lambert (Gloucester) v. Essex	5 for 44
Pollard (Lancashire) v. Nottingham	5 for 54
Verity (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex	4 for 17
and	4 for 20

RESULTS IN BRIEF

The following were the results of matches in the programme concluded yesterday.

Lancashire (403 for 4 decd.) beat Nottingham (311 and 218 for 6) on first innings.

Surrey (354 and 221 for 1) beat Sussex (205 and 309) by nine wickets.

Hampshire (304) beat Warwickshire (141 and 490 for 5) on first innings.

Worcester (546 for 0 decd.) beat Northants (311 and 218 for 6) on first innings.

Kent (385 and 138 for 1) beat Leicestershire (201 and 231) by nine wickets.

Glamorgan (574 for 7) beat Somerset (385) on first innings.

Yorkshire (430 for 5 decd.) beat Middlesex (62 and 122) by an innings and 248 runs.

Gloucester (425) beat Essex (150 and 182) by an innings and 93 runs.

Derby (309 and 104) drew with West Indies (264 and 54 for 6).

Cambridge (339) drew with Free Foresters (87 and 202 for 3).

Here And There With "Abe" Organised Baseball's 100th Anniversary

ORGANISED baseball in the United States celebrated its centenary on Monday when, according to United Press, "baseball's bigwigs, heroes of the past and present, and 15,000 spectators" gathered at Cooperstown to do the game honour. Since Abner Doubleday, a cadet at West Point Military Academy, drew up the first crude rules and laid out a field for the first game of baseball, played by his former schoolmates at Cooperstown Classical and Military Academy, Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1839, the game has become popular in every part of the world. I cannot find any reference as to when it was first played in Hongkong, but it must have been many, many years ago. As a matter of fact, I think baseball was more popular in the Colony in the 20's than it seems to be now. It is difficult to account for it, but 15 or 20 years ago there were more teams participating in the League than there are now. The game took a long time to catch on in England where it was not very popular at first but the Home Counties to stay, with baseball clubs springing up all over the country. The Japanese, of course, are great enthusiasts and it is only to be expected that the Filipinos took to the game like ducks to water.

Fabulous Salaries

AS in the case of cricket and soccer in England, the leading baseball players in the United States are professionals. But unlike cricket and soccer "stars" in the Home Counties who, even the best of them, have fixed scales of pay, the top-ranking baseball players of America can virtually command their own salaries. They hold out for, and some of them, get fees which must make the mouths of many English cricket and soccer stars water. Imagine getting U.S. \$30,000 or \$40,000 for a season of baseball! Now take the case of the 22 players in a recent International soccer match at Hampden Park between England and Scotland which attracted a crowd of close on 150,000. Each of these players received £8 each! Who wouldn't be a baseball star?

History of Game

ALEXANDER J. Cartwright sponsored the first baseball club, the Knickerbockers of New York, which was organized in September, 1845, the club accepting Cartwright's diamond and rules, an improvement over those of Doubleday. The first game between two teams was played at Hongkong, N.Y., June 10, 1846, with the score New York Nine, 23; Knickerbockers, 1. Twenty-one or more "nines" later, then was a game. The Knickerbockers were the first club to use uniforms. Wearing blue trousers, white shirts and straw hats, they defeated Washington Club of Yorkville, 21 to 11, in eight innings, June 3, 1851. The Knickerbockers also were the first team to appear in a two-column box-score, the New York Clipper of July 10, 1853, recording Knickerbockers (21), Gotham (12), in the game of July 5. The first organization in baseball was the National Association of Baseball Players, formed at a New York convention, March 10, 1858. The Association adopted most of Cartwright's rules, but made the game nine innings, with the team having the most runs at the end of that time being the winner.

Game Spreads

THE Excelsors of Brooklyn were the first club to make a tour, visiting Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and Troy in July, 1860. The Civil War gave great impetus to the game, which spread like wildfire through both blue and gray ranks. The sport continued to grow after the war. Alfred J. Reach of Brooklyn was the first professional player, being engaged to play for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1877. The first complete professional team was the famous Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1879, ten men drawing \$9,500. The team won 65 games, led one, lost none;

scored 2,395 runs to 574 by opponents. The club won 24 more consecutive games in 1879 before being beaten by Atlantics of Brooklyn, 8 to 7, in 11 innings. The first professional league started in 1871, the National Association of Professional Ball Players, with the rules stipulating a player had to be a resident of the city in which he played. The Athletics of Philadelphia won the first pennant. This was the forerunner of the National League, which, after a preliminary meeting in Louisville, came into being at the Grand Central Hotel, New York, February 2, 1876. Morgan G. Bulkeley, of Hartford, was the first president.

Highlights

SPALDING'S Chicago White Stockings and All-Stars were the first clubs to make a trip around the world, visiting the Orient, Australia, Egypt and Europe in the winter of 1888-89. The Players' League precipitated the Brotherhood War of 1890, ruined baseball fortunes and gave the game a severe setback. Ban Johnson changed the name of the Western League to the American League in 1900. The American League spread to the east in 1901. The National League fought to keep the invaders out, and the Americans captured Nap Lajoie, Cy Young, Flick, Burdett, Keeler and others in sensational raids. Babe Ruth, the game's greatest drawing card, came up with the Red Sox as a pitcher in 1914. Baseball did its bit in the World War. Babe Ruth, spectacular slugger, was purchased by the Red Sox by New York Yankees, and electrified baseball by hitting 54 homers for a new team in 1920, increasing his total to 59 in 1921. Following the White Sox scandal the old Commission form of government was abolished and Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Federal Judge in Chicago, was chosen Commissioner with dictatorial powers. In December, 1920, following sensational World's Series victories for the National League by Bill Terry's Giants in 1933 and the "Gas House" Cardinals in 1934, the American League captured four straight World's Series for the fourth time in 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938. The Yankees establishing a new record by winning three straight games.



WHITCOMBE CRASHES IN GOLF CHALLENGE TIE WITH BOB LOCKE

Gained Early Lead But Lost By Six And Five

By F. J. C. Pignon

London, June 2. Bobby Locke, South African champion, beat Reginald Whitcombe, British open champion, by six up and five to play in an international challenge match for £1,000 yesterday on the Coombe Hill course, Surrey.

Czech Player Wants To Be U.S. Citizen

Hecht Taking Out New Papers

New York. American tennis probably has fallen permanently heir to Ladislav Hecht, the former Czech Davis Cup star and one of the world's most promising young players.

Hecht came over as a member of the Czech delegation to the World's Fair, just before his homeland was taken over by Germany. Now he considers himself a refugee and intends to apply for American citizenship.

The country's tennis officials, faced with a famine of topnotch talent for the approaching season since Don Budge turned professional, have welcomed Hecht with open arms and he already has promised to play in every important event of the summer, including the National championships at Forest Hills. He is not, of course, eligible to play on the American Davis Cup Team.

In a recent practice match Hecht had little difficulty defeating Berkeley Bell, the professional, 6-4, 6-4, and he was far too good for Helen Wills Moody.

BRITISH DRIVER BREAKS 3 MORE WORLD RECORDS

London, June 1. Major Gardner broke the world records for one mile, one kilometre, and five kilometres, all from a flying start, in the International Class F (1,500 cc. class) on the Bitterfeld-Dessau autobahn to-day.

The records are:—
One mile—203.8 m.p.h.
One kilometre—204.2 m.p.h.
Five kilometres—200.6 m.p.h.

The previous records were: One mile—164 m.p.h. (the late Frank Lockhart); One kilometre—148.2 m.p.h. (G. Furmanik); Five kilometres—139.5 m.p.h. (L. Duray).

Major Gardner drove the same car which he used when he broke three world records on Wednesday, with the engine rebored.

Alterations In Royal Hunt Cup

London, June 13. The following are the alterations in the Royal Hunt Cup probabilities: Jones rides Zoltan, Maher rides Mickle Bulger, Richardson rides Belmont, Mulling rides Rose Town. Blue Star, Chelsea Reach, Flying Star and Hussen have been withdrawn.—Reuter.

ATHLETIC RECORDS BEATEN: STARTING BLOCKS AT WEMBLEY

By Dark Blue

Several new records were set up and others equalled at the A.A.A.s annual indoor championships at the Empire Pool, Wembley, last night, when for the first time in the history of athletic competition in this country starting blocks were used for the sprint races.

B. Giles (R.A.F.) won the first of the men's flat races to be decided, the 70 yds. sprint, but one's sympathies must go to T. A. C. Scotcher (Southgate), who had beaten Giles in the second round in which he injured himself and so could not compete in the final.

D. L. Finlay was a non-starter in the 70-yards hurdles because of an ankle damaged at football. The little went rather unexpectedly to T. L. Lockton (Achilles) after a great race with F. V. Scopes (Achilles) who led most of the way, but was beaten in the run in.

A DISAPPOINTMENT—A big disappointment occurred in the 800 yards. Everybody wanted to see how A. G. K. Brown would be suited by running on wood, and they had not long to wait. Brown dropped out in the third lap, but he took part in the ten-laps relay race later in the evening.

The holder, A. C. Pettit, lost his title to G. F. Morris (Thames Valley).

D. B. Lock twice broke the record in the 60-metres for women. She was in a class by herself.

B. Reid also set up new figures in the women's putting, the weight, as did E. Forster in the five-laps race.

The meeting was of special significance for the women, as talent spotters from the Women's Amateur Athletic Association were present looking for likely candidates for the Olympic Games.

Although this was only the third year since the 800 yards championship had been included, the 1937

time of 2min. 3.3sec. was broken twice.

A. C. Pettit, a City of London policeman athlete and holder, returned 3min. 3sec., but a Watford railway clerk, and British half-mile champion, A. J. Collyer, bettered this, doing half a second quicker than the 1937 time at 2min. 2.8sec.

MEN'S EVENTS

100 Yards—H. W. Yelder (Loughborough College A.C.) 12½; R. Bentley (Loughborough Coll. A.C.) 13½; J. A. V. Blake (London A.C.) 14½; 20 Yards Sprint—B. Giles (R.A.F.) 1; A. W. Masters (Metropolitan A.C.) 2; H. Evans (Milecarian A.C.) 3; time 7.5sec.

70 Yards Hurdles—T. L. Lockton (Achilles A.C.) 1; F. V. Scopes (Achilles A.C.) 2; R. A. Powell (Achilles A.C.) 3; time 1.5sec. (equals record).

Putting the Weight Championship—J. Merz (Achilles) 42½; 5½in. 1; A. A. Randall (Milecarian A.C.) 41½; 5½in. 2; A. L. Milligan (London A.C.) 41½; 5½in. 3.

880 Yards—G. F. Morris (Thames Valley) 1; A. C. Pettit (City of London Police) 2; A. J. Collyer (Watford H.L.) 3; time 2min. 0.4sec. New record.

Long Jump—R. A. Powell (Achilles) 21ft. 11½in. 1; G. W. Walker (Cambridge H.L.) 21ft. 7½in. 2; R. C. E. Kinnaird (London A.C.) 21ft. 6½in. 3.

Jump—J. Newman (Lloyds (St. John), 1; A. Tansley (Royal Ulster Constabulary), 2; H. V. Stubbs (Poly H.L.) 3.

Laps Relay Race—London Paper Mills, Metropolitan Police, 2; Ponders End A.C. 3; time 1.5sec.

Two Miles Championship—T. N. Rowe (Horne Hill H.L.) 1; D. G. Percival (London A.C.) 2; A. L. Milligan (Milecarian A.C.) 3; 3min. 2.5sec. (a record).

WOMEN'S EVENTS
Putting the Weight—D. Reid (Milecarian A.C.) 30½; 10½in. (new record); 1; K. Tiley (Milecarian A.C.) 29½; 10½in. 2; K. Tiley (Milecarian A.C.) 28½; 10½in. 3.



Photo of 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment athletic team of 1938-39, winners of the Inter-Unit Athletic Championships. Back row (left to right): L/cpl. Barker, Pte. Dunn, L/cpl. Barker, L/cpl. Goodale, L/cpl. Norton, Pte. Goodman, L/cpl. McGrady, Pte. Williams, Pte. Shaw, Corp. Sturdy, L/cpl. Burbridge. Middle row—Mrs. Hyman, Dmr. Onslow, L/cpl. Poole, Pte. Bloomfield, L/cpl. Seton, Pte. Berry, Pte. Lever, Corp. Pace, L/cpl. Hobson, L/cpl. Wooley, L/cpl. Perrin, L/cpl. Matthews, Pte. Bindon. Front row—L/cpl. Dickens, Corp. Ellis, Sergt. Poulter, P. S. M. Donovan, Lt. Col. L. A. Newham, Capt. H. Marsh, Adj. L. M.C., P. S. M. Ramsey, L/cpl. Hilscocks, and L/cpl. Noble.—Ming Yuen.

"Please come and see us again!"



This lovely evening gown, designed by Mainbocher of Paris, is fashioned in black silk crepe and black lace. Large yellow roses are pinned in front. The gown reflects the mode shown at the International Lace Fashion Show recently in Bermuda.

Choose Chiffon or Lace For Dancing

MUSICIANS are the fashion. Not only do orchestra leaders marry into the Social Register but Registerites go musical or to no end of pains to give balls and benefits for the less fortunate among the profession.

One of the loveliest of these parties again I must digress by saying that in the grand manner of dresses with contrasting lace or velvet and Great Waltz balls—yes, quite as gorgeous as that—was given at the Ritz Carlton—an evening of romantic Strauss waltzes and equally romantic costumes. For instance, Mrs. Edward P. Childs wore an Elizabeth Hawes model designed especially for the occasion as the "ideal waltz gown." Of honey coloured chiffon with field flower corsage, diagonally draped bodice and inch-wide shoulder straps, its skirt was ample enough for the movement of the dance.

LACE FOR THE WALTZ

Debutante Joyce Ward flattered her pale gold hair and sun-tanned complexion with a full-skirted green organza banded with satin, and the exotically Mrs. Frederick B. Payne, who always accents her oriental type, carried a unique white flower fan. Her gown was of white lace with black velvet bows tied on the shoulders. Incidentally, velvet ribbon, usually either black, French blue or cherry, is much in evidence these nights.

Now then, Mrs. Vincent Astor, active in so many ways, gave a tea at home recently for those interested in her mammoth benefit for the Musicians Emergency Fund. She received in a demure gray dress with soft white lingerie touches at neckline and wrist. Later that night I again saw Mrs. Astor playing hostess at a large hotel. She was then wearing a lovely soft gown in powder blue chiffon with matching lace.

CLASSIC IN CREPE

On that occasion Mrs. Winthrop Gardner, also dining in the parlour, wore one of those classic statue draped gowns in milk white crepe, a type of dress that is being chosen by women who prefer classic line to crinoline and frou frou effects.

The Duchess of Westminster, also among those present on this particular night, was also wearing white, her dress being chiffon with inserts of black Chantilly lace. And here

again I must digress by saying that in the grand manner of dresses with contrasting lace or velvet are among the current favourites. A young girl in a white chiffon Southern belle gown had bows of cherry colour velvet ribbon at intervals around the wide hem of her crinoline. She had encircled her throat with a light band of the same velvet, a quaint touch certainly. Another of the younger set had added suspenders of scintillating red sequins to a white chiffon gypsy dress.

A STAR IN CHIFFON

Elissa Landi, of movie fame, came in late wearing a bright rose velvet coat, an exquisite dress of bonnet applique and worked in self colour; one of those "simple" dresses that was anything but. Her coiffure was unadorned, and that's getting to be news.

At rendezvous of the smart dancing set, one begins to notice summery looking dresses, many of which are prints on white or cream grounds, mostly with widely spaced motifs, bright rose and leaf green being the favourite colour scheme.

Veal And Ham Loaf

MIX up three pounds of veal and half a pound of ham or mild bacon, mix with a breakfastcupful of fine white breadcrumbs and season with a teaspoonful each of salt and onion juice, and half a teaspoonful each of pepper, ground, mace and nutmeg. Bind it with two well-beaten eggs, and either shape the mixture into a loaf or put it into an appropriate bread-tin and turn it out on to a baking-tin. Brush it over with more beaten egg and sprinkle it with breadcrumbs, and bake it in a moderate oven for two hours, basting it with melted butter and water. It is excellent when it is cold.

This girl is starred as the perfect guest because . . .

SHE seldom changes her plans, always makes clear the date of her arrival and the date of her departure. (This does help in a small and busy house.)

SHE is always cheerful and considerate, ready to fall in with any plans her hostess has made for entertaining her. SHE is always willing to help in the garden or take the dogs for a walk.

If she has a dog of her own she always asks beforehand if she may bring it with her instead of calmly arriving with it.

SHE indicates its breed and sex, its little foibles—bad as well as good—and its opinion of cats and children, so that her hostess is well prepared.

SHE doesn't behave like a convalescent the first few days just because she had a tiring journey.

SHE is courteous to the servants; she doesn't keep them running errands, nor give orders nor expect them to give the service of a personal maid.

SHE doesn't spoil the children, although it's very easy for "Auntie" to amuse the "little darlings"

(and incidentally, herself) and forget that their life (and their mother's) must go on when she's gone.

SHE doesn't make numerous telephone calls and forget to pay before leaving—it's surprising how these calls add up.

SHE doesn't suggest outings that host and hostess can't afford; nor use the house as a centre of rest in between her own outside amusements.

SHE doesn't leave cigarette ash in the bed-clothes if she smokes in bed, or read half the night with all the lights full on.

SHE conveniently goes for a walk when the rooms are obviously upside-down, or tactfully asks her hostess if she lend a hand in tidying them.

SHE realises that even a one-day stay is worth a little note of "Safely arrived and thank you for a lovely time." For which thought alone she deserves to be starred as the guest her hostess wants to invite again.

SHORT CUTS

A gummy cake with a tendency to fall usually indicates that too much sugar was used.

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Stale cake makes a good cottage pudding. Cut away all frosting from cake; arrange in slices on individual plates and pour hot lemon sauce over it.

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Simple hors d'oeuvres consist of mashed Roquefort cheese blended with tomato ketchup, spread on crisp potato chips.

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SHE arrived in her town clothes, thus giving her hostess the impression that it was too much bother to change specially for the visit; and she brought only high-heeled shoes that ruled out all possibility of country walks and country sports.

SHE said she disliked animals, gave dogs with muddy paws disdained looks, and indicated that she would like them shut out of the room at meal-times.

SHE is utterly uninterested in gardens, declared she wouldn't be seen dead with a trowel in her hand, and hinted that to walk round with her hostess to look at the flowers would be just too much effort.

SHE lolled back in a chair with a book most of the day—didn't put herself out to be sociable with her hostess, and showed no enthusiasm for any suggestions made for her own entertainment.

Are They Really Bored?

WE have been very privileged! One of the "modern young things" has favoured us by staying for the week-end. She has gone leaving questions we are trying to answer:

Being 30, my wife and I don't consider ourselves old, but beside this girl or her chums (both sexes) we feel as if we had just emerged from the Ark. We occasionally exhibit enthusiasm over things, but that is where we are all wrong. The "modern" attitude is to accept everything with the same non-committal expression as if we were not concerned.

My wife was very concerned as to how we could entertain her and I thought I had solved the problem by buying a dashboard. I was wrong, it only lasted twenty minutes.

On being asked whether she would like to see a good picture she said "she didn't mind." Eventually she did go and her verdict on it was "not bad."

Sunday was a glorious day and I suggested taking the car out and going to a fine spot where the dogs could get a good run and ourselves a breath of very fresh air. My suggestion was considered "boring."

Ultra-Smart

The modern young people think this bored air is ultra-smart. It is "the thing to do." Any show of excitement or any old-fashioned exhibition of manners is a sign of weakness. "Definitely" it is not the thing.

Parents are more to blame for this state of things than these young people. Parents can sacrifice too much for their children, and rarely is the sacrifice appreciated.

Sooner or later the "moderns" will wake up and find this hard world not so ready to take them at their own inflated valuation. One cannot help feeling sorry for them, but it is difficult to help them. Young people bitterly resent any criticism and so must be left to discover their own shortcomings.

Bolled down, it really means that the old standards of manners and considerations for others are not being taught now. Most people will agree that good manners are getting a bit scarce, and whatever may be held against the Victorians they at least taught decent behaviour. It helps to make life pleasant.

Modern psychology has given us much light on many difficult problems, but the judicious application of the maxim "spare the rod," &c., shows the best results.

G. S.

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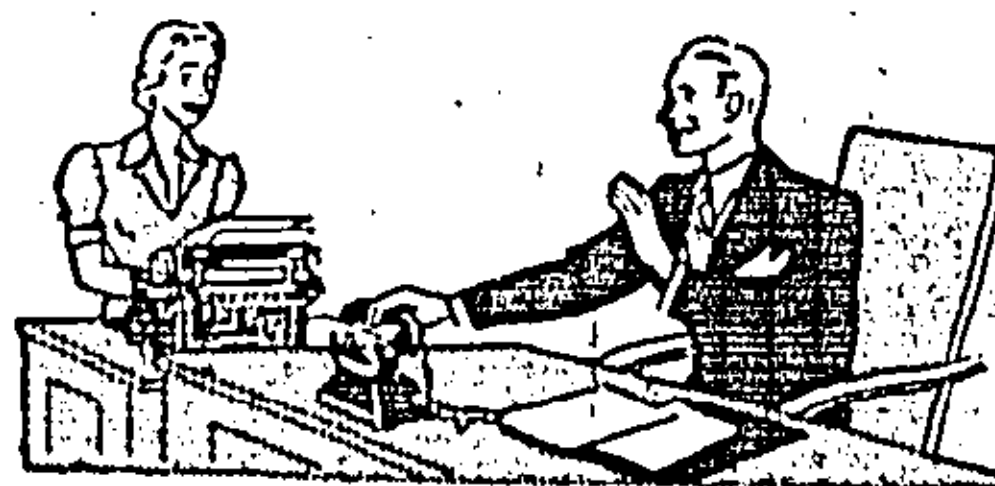
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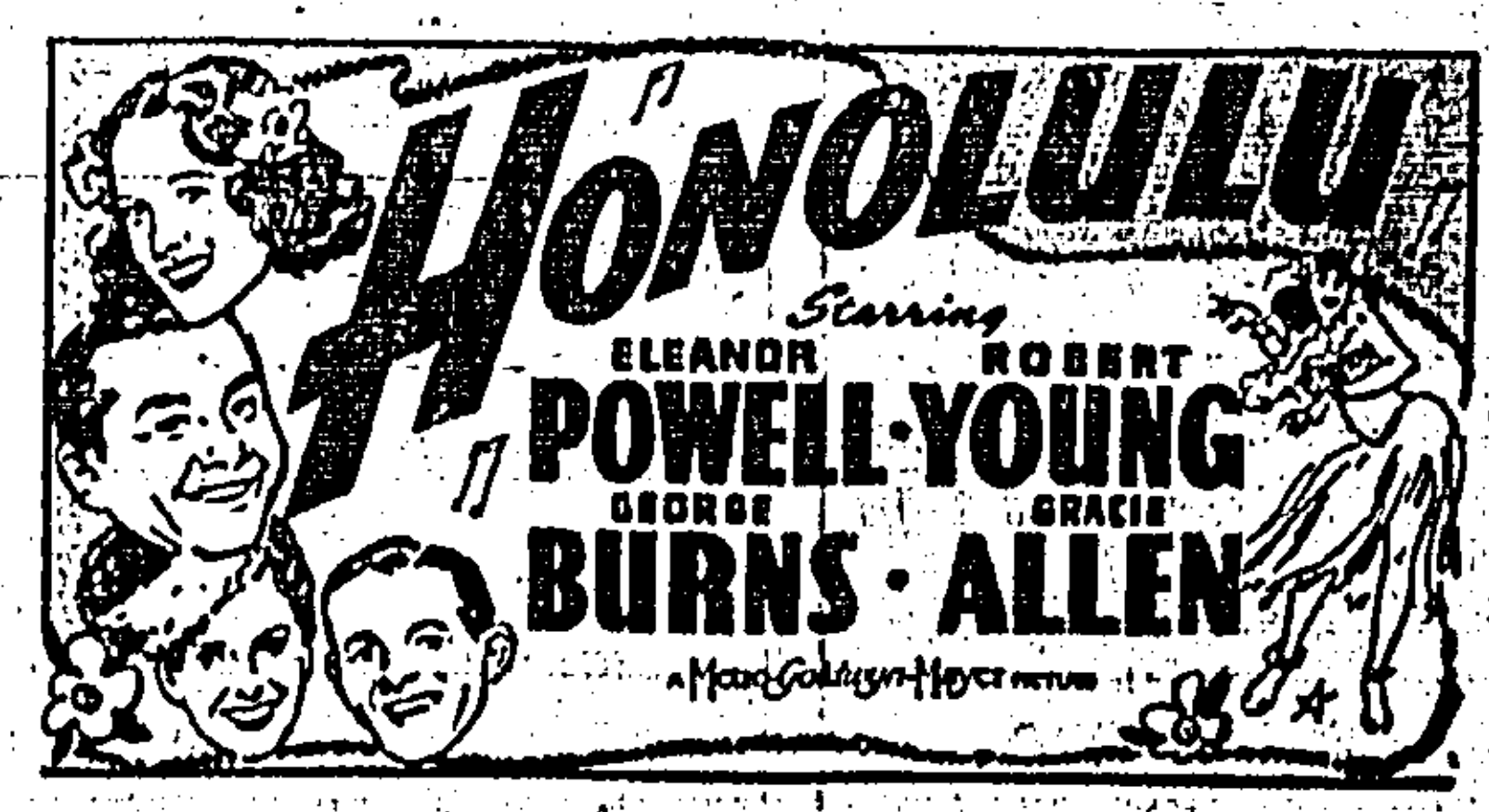
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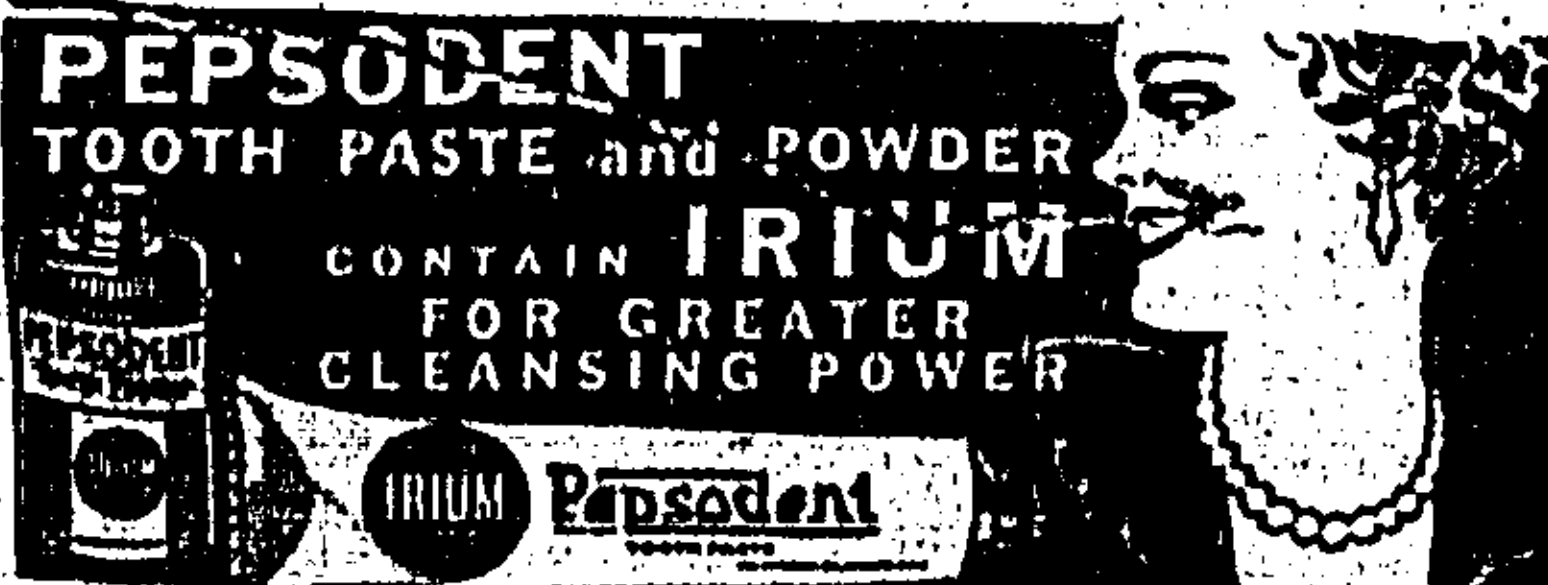
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LETTERS

In Defence Of The Schoolboys

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—Your morning contemporary has seen fit to launch into a bitter diatribe in denunciation of the action of local students objecting to the appointment of a prefect. The statements of the Headmaster, having been reported at length, the prominent citizen having been hastily called to expostulate with the obstreperous ones, ecclesiastical intervention sought and dire threats of "Government action" (!) obscurely hinted at, is it not within the bounds of possibility that there is something to be said on the side of the less articulate—though heavy artillery? Is our sense of proportion atrophied and are our risible faculties benumbed?

I have been given to understand that the students have stated their case in writing and forwarded it to the local press, and that this attempt to justify their action has been entirely ignored. Possibly their English was not up to high-brow standard, but it could scarcely have been worse than many of the puerile, fantastic effusions which, unhappily, find their way through the correspondence columns of at least one local newspaper. I trust that, in common fairness, the "Hongkong Telegraph" will be sufficiently unbiased, and possibly courageous enough, to state this case for the defence:

I am told—I do not vouch for its truth—that the nominee of the headmaster, and persona non grata to the students is a Japanese (though passing under a Chinese name) born in Kowloon, at all events, whatever his nationality, it seems an undisputed fact that the nominee is distinctly and openly of Japanese sympathies. When it is remembered that a large proportion of the D.B.S. students are in Hongkong simply on account of enemy activities; that some at least have had relatives killed and injured, property destroyed, family life annihilated, can it remain a matter of surprise that they object to be under the entirely unnecessary domination of one who is either of Japanese nationality or of Japanese sympathies—probably both?

I am told that more than one deputation waited upon the Headmaster, at which the students' delegates courteously explained their objections. What special or unique qualifications had this particular boy for the post? Were there no others available, whose appointment would have avoided infinite trouble, heart-aching, injustice and ridiculous threats. This striking students know that they may be heavily penalized by their action; may lose the benefit of a year's work, may be barred from the Matriculation examination. Is it to be supposed that they blindly incurred such risks without believing in the justice of their requests, and without deep and fundamental sentiments and aims to be ignored. When the assistance of a leading citizen has to be invoked, the power of the press beguiled to threaten "Government action," and a cowardly suggestion given that the patriotism of the boys should be tested by their entry to other schools (should they wish to enter) the case would seem to smack of statefully diluted, filtered, emaciated Prussianism; of the obstinacy of the weak-minded; not of the noble-minded who can graciously acknowledge an error made. Would the dignity of the school authorities have been fatally undermined had they ceded a point and nominated a youth acceptable alike to students and masters?

Patriotism is a fine thing—some of the most gallant deeds of the world have been performed under its influence. Unhappily this great quality seems now to be allowed undisputed sway only among more virile nations than we—more the pity—have become. The crass, impossible abnormality of "neutrality" is everywhere encouraged and exhorted to raise its miserable, craven head; all feelings of burning hatred of injustice and oppression must be suppressed; we must all be regimented into the ranks of the spineless, the venal, the fearful to disserve with the so-called "policy" forced upon us. Neutrality is the refuge of the weak and self-seeking; of the huddled, spineless, bleached and bloodless occupants of the fence.

To expect a Chinese boy to be neutral-minded is asking an impossible thing of him, an unnecessary imposition which he should never have been asked to bear. To expect him unquestioningly to accept the domination of an alien enemy (or even of a renegade) displays abysmal ignorance of his mentality.

N. B. WHITESTONE.

Our correspondent has been misinformed. No communication has been received by this newspaper (or, so far as we are aware by others) from the dissatisfied students. If such a document had been sent to us, it would have been given the same amount of publicity as the rest of the correspondence on this subject.—Ed. H.K.T.

The Schoolboy Strike

Sir—The local papers have all given an account of the trouble at the D.B.S., presumably from the Headmaster's point of view; but, in all fairness, I believe the public would like to hear the boys' version of the affair. The boys of the D.B.S. have long been known for their courtesy and respect for their seniors, and their grievance must have been acute before they would have acted contrary to their best traditions. Perhaps no one will gainsay that the choice made by the Headmaster was rather injudicious at the present time, and however

King And Queen

ON LAST STAGE OF TOUR

Frederickton, New Brunswick, June 13. DRIVING from Newcastle through the peaceful countryside of New Brunswick, Their Majesties arrived here on the last stage of their triumphant tour. The whole of the route, 100 miles long, had been closed to the public but every hamlet on the way had its triumphal arch of cedar and hemlock branches while little wooden churches and old bridges over streams were all decorated with flags.

Farmers came running from the fields to watch the Royal car pass and in front of every school, the children assembled to catch a glimpse of Their Majesties.

The King and Queen received an official welcome in the Legislative building and afterwards visited the University of New Brunswick where they were entertained to luncheon by the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council of the Province.—Reuter.

Arrive At St. John's
St. John's, New Brunswick,
June 13.

Their Majesties arrived here at 4.32 p.m.—Reuter.

Arduous Job Ends
Washington, June 13.

Frank Wilson, chief of the American Secret Service, is breathing a big sigh of relief that one of the biggest bodyguarding jobs of his career has been completed.

He told reporters that the outstanding thing about the Royal visit was that "nobody seemed to want to do Their Majesties any harm." The Secret Service did not have to arrest anybody before, during, or after the visit. In fact, said Mr. Wilson, all kinds of crime dropped off during the visit. "I guess petty crooks were too busy watching the parades," was his explanation.—Reuter Special.

MAN, 78, OUTLIVES TREE

SANDUSKY, O.
Charles Murschel, 78, planted a tree 54 years ago, and cared for it during its growth. This year, the road had to be widened, and the tree cut down. The most interested, and sorrowful, spectator: Charles Murschel.

Misguided they may be from the standpoint of discipline and loyalty to their school, one cannot help feeling some sympathy for those boys who have interrupted their school careers over this unfortunate controversy.

MONITOR.

Germany's High Taxation

Berlin, June 13. In a lecture at the Berlin Mercantile Club, Herr Fritz Reinhardt of the Reich Finance Ministry, said Germany's taxation revenue had risen from 6.6 milliards in 1932 to 17.7 milliards in 1938 and these resources had been supplemented by short and medium term loans.—Trans-Ocean.

Late Detective Wan Man Fund

Further contributions have been received this morning for the fund for the relief of the family of the late Detective Wan Man.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: The market continues to mark time with operators taking very little interest in things. Dealings recorded showed enquiries on a very small scale.

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H.K. Bonds	\$37
H.K. Tramways	\$17.10
Star Ferries	\$87
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21
Atoks	
Antamok	25
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Big Wedge	24½
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JAPAN HAS SOME NEW DEMANDS IN TIENTSIN

TOKYO, JUNE 14.

WHAT JAPAN WANTS IS BRITISH CO-OPERATION IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND ORDER IN NORTH CHINA, THE SPOKESMAN OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE DECLARED IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING.

Endorsing the Japanese Army's statement, the spokesman pointed out that it was now not merely the question of delivery of the suspected assassins by the British authorities.

Japan wants a future guarantee on the part of the British authorities. He said that it would become a very serious matter if the Concessions persisted in alleged countenancing of anti-Japanese elements.

"ONLY SELF-DEFENCE"

Asked by a foreign correspondent as to whether Japan would use force against the British and French Concessions, and whether Japan's action was based on the right of conquest, the spokesman said, "Japan is not using force nor is she invoking the right of conquest."

"Japan is invoking only the right of self-defence in an effort to safeguard the peace and order in North China," the spokesman added.—Domci.

New Evidence

Tokyo, June 14.
Confirming the reports that the British Consul at Tientsin made proposals for settlement of the local situation last night, the spokesman of the Foreign Office said that the British offer was handled and rejected by the Japanese authorities in Tientsin.

He added that the British authorities were understood to have discovered new evidence regarding the suspected assassins of Mr. Cheng Hsi-keng.—Domci.

Tokyo Decides On Strong Action

Tokyo, June 14.
As the result of conferences held between the key members of the Cabinet this morning, the Government was understood to have decided on a strong line of action designed to eliminate "the cause of long-standing evils" in dealing with the question of foreign concessions in Tientsin.

Government leaders this morning were understood to have confirmed the view that the British and French Concessions in China tend to function as the bases for assistance to the Japanese Government in its policy of maintaining a strong line of action against the Soviet Union and interest in the special areas.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hiroshi Arima, called on Premier Hiranuma at 11.50 o'clock this morning to make reports on the circumstances leading up to the enforcement of the isolation.

The conference was joined at 12.20 p.m. by the War Minister, Lieut.-General Seishiro Itagaki, it was revealed. War Minister Itagaki and Premier Hiranuma continued their conference until 12.55 p.m.

Drastic Measures Started

Tientsin, June 14.
Described by observers as the most serious international complication since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese conflict, the Japanese "blockade" against the British and French Concessions in retaliation against the British refusal to extradite alleged terrorist criminals was effectively started at 6 o'clock this morning.

Japanese observers freely point out that the present action will form an epoch-making event in the history of Japanese foreign relations as well as in the negotiations with third Powers in connection with the prolonged campaign in China.

With all other passages closed to

traffic, seven specifically designated streets including the International Bridge, Yamaguchi, Asahi, Fuyoo, Taitan and Chungking streets and the British Racecourse are barred by Japanese sentry posts.

Armed To The Teeth
Armed to the teeth, Japanese troops wearing steel caps are co-operating with Japanese gendarmes in halting and searching all passers-by between the British and French Concessions and the Japanese and Chinese districts.

Shortly after the isolation was declared in force, a number of queues of pedestrians, rickshaws and motor-cars of various nationalities were formed endlessly from all the Japanese butposts in the seven streets.

On Yamaguchi Street, a main thoroughfare, about 10 empty steel cars of the Belgian-managed company lined up near the boundary of the Concessions. Carts and trucks loaded with daily necessities and groceries were stopped and examined before they were allowed to proceed on.

Considerable din and bustle reigned through the city. Agitated men, women and children were given priority in passing the examination. The Peking River, only waterway linking the city with the sea, was lined with various kinds of vessels awaiting examination by the Japanese water police.—Domci.

Business At Standstill

Tientsin, June 14.
All business here has been virtually brought to a standstill partially as a result of the majority of Chinese employees not attempting to return to the Concession.

Meanwhile the Chinese Mayor of Tientsin has issued a proclamation saying: "With the British blockade we can go on with our work of establishing a new order in East Asia."

The blockade is tightening hourly.—United Press.

Loans Not Envisaged

London, June 13.
When the Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked to-day in the House of Commons if he would lay it down as a principle of National policy when granting, on political grounds, credits to friendly foreign countries, that the transactions should not be by way of monetary loans or bank credits but by use of the Export Guarantees Act and if he would extend, if necessary, a suitable amount of the guarantees to be available beyond the present total limit.

Sir John Simon replied: "His Majesty's Government have no intention to grant loans or credits to other countries and have no present intention of asking Parliament for power to grant or guarantee loans or credits to other countries otherwise than in accordance with arrangements set out in the new Export Guarantees Act."

He added that the possibility of increasing the limit of these guarantees would be considered when the necessity arose.—British Wireless.

LONDON, June 13.—The International Sugar Council, meeting for the purpose of approving the proposed increase of 100,000 tons in the current year's quota for Empire growers, adjourned until to-morrow.—Reuter.

Ominous Situation

Press Reactions To Blockade

LONDON, June 14.

THE situation has become more ominous, says the *Daily Herald*, not only because of the threatened blockade but because the Japanese army spokesman's hinting at the raising of wider issues than the handing over of the four Chinese accused of complicity in terrorist murders.

If the Japanese are intent not on trying these men but on undermining and destroying the status of the Settlement itself, then the challenge becomes one involving the whole British position in the Far East.

Another Blow At British Trade

By the Japanese blockade of the Anglo-French Concession in Tientsin, another stroke is delivered at British trade in the Far East and another provocation is added to the long list of anti-British moves by Japanese troops since the war with China was launched, says the *Daily Telegraph*.

The newspaper refers to the death of Tinkler, the arrest of Col. Spear and the detention of Major Law, and says the cumulative effect after an incident such as the interference with the Rumpu, leaves an uneasy impression that the new outbreak of anti-British outrages is being deliberately encouraged.

It is made so amply evident that Japan has exploited to the full the patience which the British Government has exercised but a recrudescence of incidents appears to have a quite definite object; it seems that to subjugate China is becoming too noticeable both to Japanese and Chinese eyes and it may be thought prudent to see the re-establishment of "face" at the expense of a third party.

Sign of Weakness

Unpleasant and, in some cases, tragic as have been recent anti-British activities, they are a sign of Japanese weakness rather than strength. It is important that the British Government and its representatives on the spot do not accept them without protest or allow the withdrawal of the protection which our forces at hand can exercise. Still less should any satisfaction be given to Japanese hopes that we may be bluffed out of the financial and diplomatic support afforded the Chiang Kai-shek regime.—Reuter.

Turkey As A Mediator?

Sofia, June 13.
Political circles here are following with close interest the visit of the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu to Ankara. Some credence is given here to the report that London has induced Turkey to appear in the role of mediator in an attempt to settle the outstanding issues between Sofia and Bucharest and it would appear from the Press that Sofia regards the move with suspicion.

The Bulgarian trade delegation arrived in Rome yesterday to begin negotiations for a renewal of the Italo-Bulgarian clearing agreement.—Trans-Ocean.

Court Claim Is Described As Preposterous

THE contention that plaintiff abused the privilege of the Court by bringing a preposterous claim was made by Mr. M. W. Lo at the Summary Court this morning, when he appeared for Q. W. Sing, of 523 Nathan Road, who was sued by J. M. Gutierrez, of 242 Nathan Road, for \$180—\$80 paid for the hire of a car and \$100 for damages suffered through the breakdown of a car belonging to defendant.

Plaintiff, who was not legally represented and who described himself as a publisher, told the Court that he hired a car from defendant on December 31 last at \$80 a month. The car broke down several times, and on January 25 while he was on his way to the Veljeval Ferry Wharf in Jordan Road, the rim of the front off wheel came off. He telephoned defendant asking him to come and repair the car. Defendant replied he was too busy, but after some delay he turned up with a mechanic, repaired the car and took it away.

He asked defendant to let him have the car again, but the latter refused, at the same time cursing him. Subsequently he saw defendant's brother, who told him he could not have the car again but offered to refund the balance of the hire money which came to \$25.00 including three gallons of petrol, which were in the tank.

Continuing, plaintiff said that on being refused the use of the car, he made a report at the Yau-mat Police Station, and as a result the Inspector on duty told him to go and see the Chief Clerk of Kowloon Magistracy. He went and spoke to Mr. Cole, the Chief Clerk, who sent for defendant. Mr. Cole made some suggestions which defendant refused to entertain, and thereupon Mr. Cole advised him (plaintiff) to consult a solicitor.

He consulted Mr. Russ, who wrote on his behalf a letter of demand to defendant. A reply was received, denying all liability.

Referring to the damages suffered through the breakdown of the car, plaintiff said that on January 25 he was on his way to work in an appointment with Mr. Mok Kon-sang with a view to try and interest him on a publication which he intended to bring out. The publication concerned the history of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Hongkong.

As a result of the breakdown, he was unable to see Mr. Mok, though he went to his residence later.

No Damages Claim

Asked by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindesell to give particulars of the damages he suffered, plaintiff said he was not claiming for damages and had not instructed Mr. Russ to do so. He only wanted the balance of the hire money.

Mr. Lo pointed out that he had received from Mr. Russ the particulars of the damages, and this showed that plaintiff must have given instructions in this respect.

"The whole claim," said Mr. Lo, "is preposterous and plaintiff is abusing the privilege of the Court. He wanted to bring an outrageous claim against defendant but when he found it will be contested, he abandoned it."

Mr. Lo (to plaintiff): If you didn't want to claim for damages why didn't you tell your solicitor about it?—I told him about it but he said there was an order for particulars, so I gave them to him.

Further questioned, plaintiff denied he hired the car for a holiday. He wanted it to go about interviewing people. His business was that of a publisher, and among the magazines which he had brought out were Commerce and Industrial, Lyemum Pass Guide to Hongkong, and Babies Record.

After Mr. Lo had submitted he had no case to answer on the ground that a claim for partial failure of a consideration was not maintainable in law, His Lordship gave judgment for defendant, with costs. He said to plaintiff: "You have failed to substantiate any claim in the form in which your writ was endorsed and therefore there must be judgment for defendant. You have to pay the costs for this action."

Russia Says

The Baltic States Must Accept A Guarantee

MOSCOW, June 13.

ON the eve of the arrival of Mr. Strang, the *Pravda*, chief organ of the Kremlin, comments on the negotiations in the Anglo-French-Soviet alliance and again insists that Latvia, Estonia and Finland must accept the Russian guarantees.

The *Pravda* argues that the preservation of the neutrality of the Baltic States is vital to the interests and safety of the Soviet Union and contends that they need the three-Power guarantees because they could not resist aggression.

The newspaper attacks the Baltic governments and hints that the attitude of the Estonian and Finnish Foreign Ministers—Messrs. Selter and Erkkio—who re-acted vehemently against the Soviet guarantee, was probably due to German influence, declaring that in their case "we are confronted with a misunderstanding or a badly-concealed desire to blow the defence front of the peaceful Powers against aggression."—Reuter.

Mr. Strang's Mission

Paris, June 13.
Details of the mission entrusted to Mr. William Strang who is now on his way to Moscow, were given by the French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, at a meeting of the Cabinet to-day.

M. Bonnet stated that Mr. Strang's instructions had been drawn up by common agreement between the British and French governments.

The British envoy, added M. Bonnet, must first ascertain the intentions of the Soviet and then explain in detail the position of the British Government and the motives which animate it. Having clarified these points, he must submit the British observations on the amendments proposed to the Anglo-French draft of the three-Power treaty and finally, present the new Anglo-French formula for agreement.—Reuter.

Sequel To Dramatic Street Gun-Fight

THE SENSATIONAL AND dramatic shooting affray in Des Voeux Road Central a fortnight ago, had a sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning when Lau Man-chu, aged 31, a Swatow Chinese, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards on remand.

Lau was charged, whilst in company with one Lau Ah-fong, now deceased, with assaulting one Chang Tak-chi, fook of the Sino-German Dispensary, with intent to rob, and secondly, with being in possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

Detective-Inspector A. L. Hopkins asked for a further week's remand, saying that Detective Wan Man had died following injuries received in the gun duel, and Lau might be charged with murder.

Choa Po-Sien Bankruptcy: Application For Annulment

AN APPLICATION for the annulment of an adjudication order made in 1937 against Choa Po-sien, former commander of the Banque Franco-Chinoise was made by Mr. L. R. Andrewes, the Official Receiver, in the bankruptcy court this afternoon.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the debtor and a creditor Ho Pak-ching, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo was for Tang Shiu-kin and Chung Tat-ching, Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth was for the Procurator of the Spanish Dominican Mission, and Mr. T. J. Prior appeared for the petitioner creditor Lay Kinfat, the estate of Kwan King-chung, and Lee Choa-shee.

Before opening his case, Mr. L. R. Andrewes asked that Lieut.-Colonel H. L. Murray, who had been subpoenaed as a witness be released until next Friday as it would not be possible to call him to give evidence to-day. This request was allowed.

Continuing, Mr. Andrewes said that the object of these proceedings was to ask the court to annul the bankruptcy order on two distinct grounds, the principal ground being that the bankruptcy is and was from its inception an abuse of the process of the court. Gradually the facts came to light which were not available when the petitioner applied for an adjudication order in February, 1937.

Proof Necessary

"Therefore my predecessor had no alternative but to ask the court to make an adjudication order on the grounds that it was the wish of the majority of the creditors, and the court had no alternative but to comply with the application."

"However much my predecessor and I may suspect of this bankruptcy, suspicion is not enough, and proof is required."

"I am now in a position to prove that the bankruptcy was an abuse of the process of the court."

Mr. Andrewes said that the grounds for the application were that assets for division among the creditors, after payment of all costs, charges and expenses, were not, and would not be sufficient to pay a dividend of 15 per cent.

The debtor had informed him in December last that he was entirely dependent upon his sons.

Miss Morrison's Debt

Another ground for the application was that most of the creditors, with the exception of Miss Ethel Morrison, who obtained judgment against Choa for over \$20,000, were either relations or friendly with the debtor.

These creditors did not complain of the smallness of the dividend and Mr. Andrewes suggested that they were in fact looking after the interests of the debtor in order to enable the debtor to avoid payment of Miss Morrison's debt.

The petition for the debtor's bankruptcy was brought by Mr. Lay Kwan Fat with a view to convey the impression that he was acting in the interests of other creditors whereas in fact his real intention was for the interests of the debtor.

If the debtor had filed a petition himself his chances would have been negligible for he would have to satisfy the Court that he was an honest man.

Case proceeding.

Cabinet And Its Responsibility

London, June 13.—The Prime Minister, asked in the House of Commons if he would give an assurance that the doctrine of Cabinet responsibility was being maintained, having regard to the fact that two Cabinet Ministers were absent from the division on Government's Palestine proposals, said his colleagues accepted full responsibility for collective Cabinet decisions.—British Wireless.

Jewish Student Beaten Up

Baltimore, June 13.—The authorities to-day suspended 18 students of the Gwynne Falls Junior High School in connection with the beating and branding of a Jew, Melvin Bridge, aged 19, last Friday.—United Press.

"PEEPING TOM" IN KOWLOON

Peers Into Houses With Binoculars

A "peeping Tom" who was in the habit of looking into the flats on the opposite side of the road with a pair of binoculars appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he was fined \$10 on a charge of assault, ordered to pay \$5 compensation to the complainant, Lo Wai-kwong, and bound over on a \$15 bond to keep the peace for one year.

Inspector W. H. Nolloth said that at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, complainant, who lived in Nathan Road, saw defendant look into the houses opposite with a pair of binoculars. He shouted across to him not to do so, as he had previously warned him about doing the same thing from the roof. Defendant told him to go downstairs, and on complainant doing so, was immediately struck in the eye. Defendant was eventually chased and caught, but it was quite a job to restrain him.

Defendant was told by Mr. Macfadyen that his conduct was bound to cause trouble, and if he did the same thing again, it would be considered a breach of his bond.

LATEST

Britain Will Give In Thinks France

Paris, June 13.
French political circles believe that the Japanese attitude in Tientsin will be stiff because they understand North China is regarded as an area under Japan's special influence. These circles point out that Britain will be obliged to yield to the pressure.

They call attention to the fact that the Tientsin crisis flared up on the heels of the Kwantung affair. It was understood that to-day's Cabinet session did not take up the Tientsin affair for discussion.

Local newspapers published with considerable prominence reports from Tientsin, but no editorial comments appeared yet.—Domci.

Germany Supports Japan's Stand

Berlin, June 14.
German Government circles point out that the Japanese action against the British and French Concessions in Tientsin is natural, while German newspapers describe the affair as another dispute between the Anti-Comintern Powers and the Democracies.—Domci.

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Trade Policies Denounced

Washington, June 13.
On the anniversary of the trade agreements policy, Secretary of State Cordell Hull to-day denounced "discriminatory" foreign trade methods similar to Germany's and Italy's. "Excessive arbitrary checks on economic activity" leads to chaos and destruction, he asserted.—United Press.

Tientsin Demands Met Claim Japanese

LONDON, JUNE 14.

ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON NOTIFIED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR THAT BRITAIN HAS DECIDED TO HAND OVER THE FOUR CHINESE "TERRORISTS" TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT TIENTSIN, THUS SATISFYING THE JAPANESE DEMANDS.

It is stated that the Foreign Office told the Japanese Ambassador that the latest investigations revealed evidence against the four accused Chinese which has justified the decision to surrender them in accordance with the Japanese claims.—United Press.

AMERICAN CONCERN

WASHINGTON, June 13.

IT HAS been officially announced that United States marine and military forces at all points in China will operate directly under United States orders for the protection of the best interests of the United States in the Far East.

Further it is said the American forces will follow the tradition of cooperating with other nations in matters of community interest and the maintenance of order.

State Department officials are following the developments in Tientsin with considerable concern.

Records here show that there are approximately 400 Americans in Tientsin, most of them being in the British and French concessions.

American owned property is estimated at more than 12,000,000 national currency, and the annual business turnover is estimated at 200,000,000 national currency.—United Press.

Japanese Cabinet Meets

Tokyo, June 14. The Tientsin situation came before the Cabinet to-day when Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, is stated to have reported on "Japan's determination to cope with it."

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" commenting on the British compromise proposals, states: "What Japan is aiming at is not the question of the British Concession at Tientsin alone. She has taken up the question of 'foreign concessions in China generally.'"

America Watching

Washington, June 13. Close attention to the Japanese preparations for a blockade of the Anglo-French Concession of Tientsin is being given by Mr. Cordell Hull,

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Secretary of State, and officials of his department.

It is learned here that notification of the blockade was handed to the United States Consular authorities with the implication that American business interests would be expected to observe it.—Reuter.

Compromise Proposals

Tokyo, June 14. Press reports from London say that the British Government is proposing to Japan establishment of a joint commission of extradition of the suspected assassins of Cheng Hsi-keng with a view to easing the situation in Tientsin.

It is understood, however, that the proposals would not be accepted unless the British authorities properly understand the new situation in China and effect sincere co-operation with the Japanese for the proposed establishment of a new order in East Asia.

Political observers point out that Japan is compelled to isolate the British and French Concessions in Tientsin by the refusal of the British authorities to recognise the new situation in China.

No Intervention

Informed quarters declare that intervention in the Tientsin situation by any third Powers would also be stoutly rejected by Japan, while the

Shanghai Also Ignorant

SHANGHAI, June 14.

THE British Embassy here to-day said they have not received any advices saying that London has agreed to deliver the four Chinese to the Japanese, or even that the British Foreign Office official had seen the Japanese Ambassador.

They said the latest advice from London is that an official of the British Foreign Office called on the Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy on Tuesday morning and reiterated that there is still insufficient evidence to surrender the Chinese accused.

He also conveyed the proposal for arbitration and argued that the issue is still susceptible to settlement by arbitration.—United Press.

examined by the Japanese authorities.—Domei.

Italian, German Discrimination

Tientsin, June 14. The Japanese sentries are not halting and are not searching any automobiles flying the Italian or German flags.—United Press.

Blockade Begins

Tientsin, June 14. The threatened Japanese blockade of the British Concession in Tientsin began at 6 o'clock this morning, when armed forces were stationed at all entrances and exits to the Concession.—United Press.

Compromise Came Too Late

Tientsin, June 14. Local Japanese military authorities informed the British late last night that while appreciating the spirit in which the compromise solution was proposed, it was felt that it had come too late.

The Japanese had made all arrangements for the blockade and it was impossible to alter the programme at such a short notice.

The blockade started promptly at five o'clock, barricades which had been placed in position on the Concession's boundaries in the past few days being erected and manned.—Reuter.

Spokesman Has No Knowledge Of Decision

LONDON, June 14.

A British Government spokesman has denied any knowledge of the alleged decision to surrender the four Chinese in Tientsin.

It was his private surmise that the Japanese Ambassador may have been the victim of a hoax.—United Press.

Palestine Affairs Explained

GENEVA, June 13.

THE events of the past year were outlined to the Mandates Commission by the British representative, Mr. Moody, to-day.

Mr. Moody stated that by the end of April, terrorist bands had been broken up. In May, efforts to effect illegal immigration of Jews became an important factor.

The immediate Jewish reaction to the recent White Paper was perceived to be hostile but it was too early to define the attitude of the Arabs.

Questions by members of the Commission regarding the character of the disturbances and the sources from which arms and munitions were obtained, elicited the reply that the bulk of the arms and munitions used during the war were manufactured in Palestine from stores concealed in Palestine itself.

Dealing with Trans-Jordan, Mr. Moody said that despite the efforts of people to join in favour of the terrorist activities of Palestine, Trans-Jordan remained calm.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will address the Commission on June 15.—Reuter.

Mystery Talks In Prague

Prague, June 13.

The Reich Minister of Justice, Doctor Franz Guertner, arrived in Prague to-day and entered into conversations with Reich Minister Von Neurath.

The purpose of the visit has not been revealed. There has been great perturbation in Prague on account of the number of criminal murders during the past few days, five women having been murdered.

In addition the murders of several women during the past several weeks remain unsolved.—United Press.

Franco For Rome

Rome, June 13.

General Franco is visiting Rome at the end of September according to a message from Burgos.—Reuter Bulletin.

Britain Suggests Conciliatory Court

LONDON, June 13.

IT HAS BEEN disclosed that Britain intends to propose the establishment of a special conciliatory Court in the Tientsin Concession, composed of one Briton, one Japanese and one neutral member, to avert the Japanese blockade and to prevent aggravation of the tension.

The Court will decide whether the four Chinese demanded by the Japanese should be extradited.

If Japan refuses to accept this proposal Britain will urgently consider means of coping with the blockade which will confront Britain with a very difficult situation in the Sino-Japanese war.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the British Cabinet were discussing the Tientsin problem to-day.—United Press.



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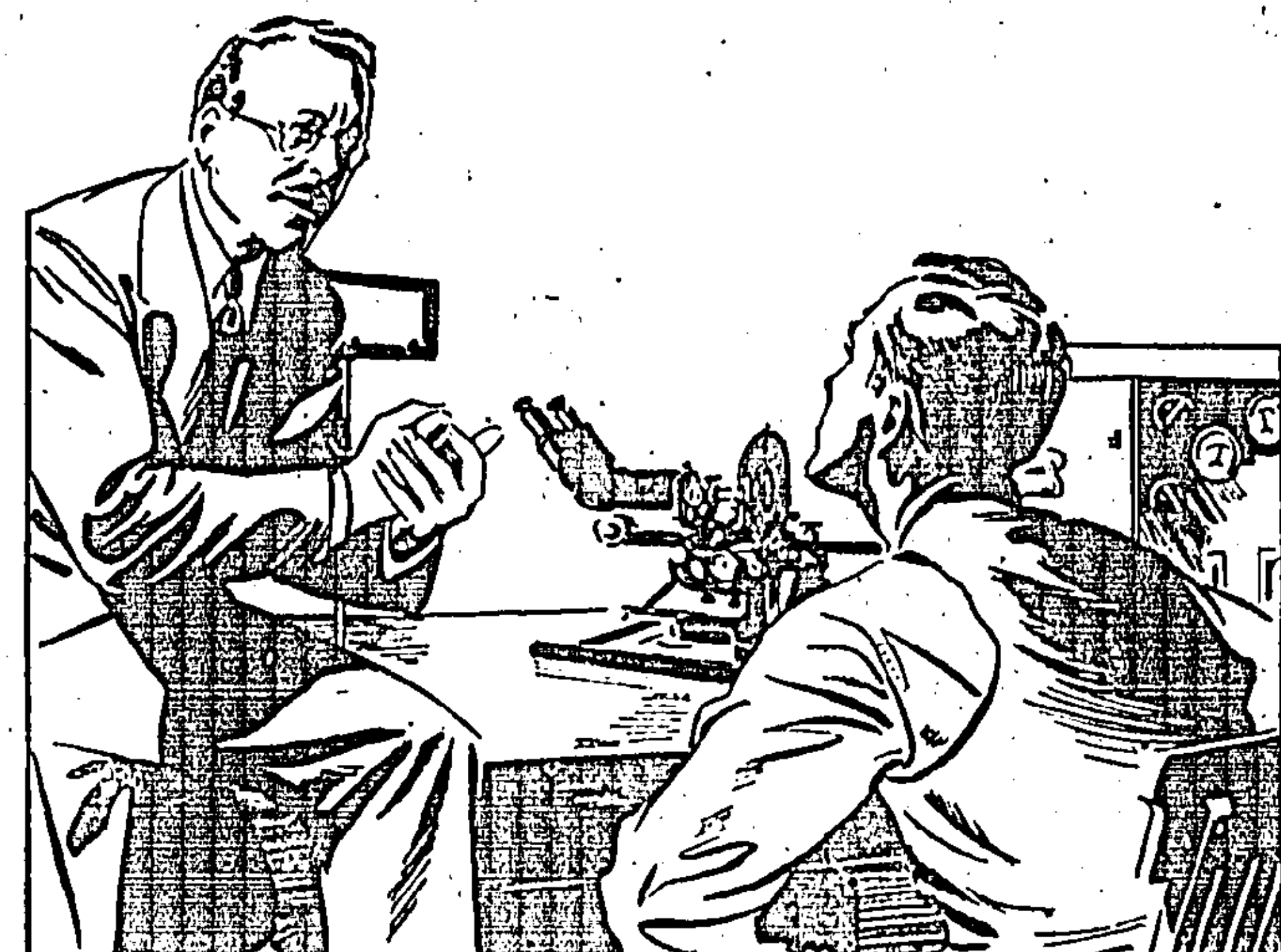
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CZECHS' DRAMATIC ESCAPE FROM GERMANS

WARSAW, June 13.

It was revealed to-day how President Benes' brother, Wozata Benes, his wife and three Czech generals, smuggled themselves across the Polish frontier from the Czech protectorate by living for two days in a sealed railway freight car.

Czech Customs officials aided them to escape.

Herr Benes and his wife are at present in Warsaw while the Generals, whose names are a closely guarded secret, remain in Cracow.

According to the story of the escape which was revealed to-day, Benes and his party quietly made their way to the Polish frontier where for two weeks they attempted to persuade the Czech Customs Guards to aid them. The Guards were sympathetic but realized the difficulties were multiplied by the fact that the five escapees were all elderly people and therefore could not "run for it".

They finally hit upon a plan. On Saturday the Guards slipped the party into a freight car at a deserted part of the frontier, gave them a supply of food and a couple of pillows. They then sealed the car which, a few hours later, was switched on to a freight train headed for Poland. The train safely crossed the border and dropped the sealed car at Polish station of Cieszyn.

On Monday morning the freight yard workers heard shouts and knocking emanating from the car which they opened, and released the five stowaways. They were all very weak but apparently little the worse for their trip.—United Press.

Spanish Loan Rumours Are Denied

London, June 13.

In the House of Commons to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, answering the Labour Member, Mr. Bellenger, said he had no information regarding negotiations for a loan to Spain being organised by an international undertaking operating from Brussels.

"The consent of His Majesty's Government would be necessary before British funds could be used in this way," he said.

The Chancellor referred Mr. Bellenger to a previous statement in which he had announced that no British financial interests were associated with such an undertaking.—United Press.

Exchange Of Raw Materials

London, June 13.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, said he did not wish to tie himself to a date on which to make a statement on the exchange of raw materials between Britain and America. There were a number of difficulties but negotiations were making progress.—Trans-Ocean.

SYRIAN POLITICAL CRISIS

DAMASCUS, JUNE 13.

SYRIA IS NOW FACING ANOTHER MINISTRIAL CRISIS. THE THIRD IN FOUR MONTHS. THERE ARE INCREASINGLY PERSISTENT RUMOURS THAT THE UNCERTAIN POLITICAL SITUATION MAY LEAD TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THEN INVOLVE A CHANGE IN REGIME.

For some time there has been talk of setting up a monarchical regime and various names have even been mentioned as ascendants to the throne.

In any event, the present Cabinet impasse which arose when the Cabinet headed by Colonel Nassouhi resigned on May 15, shows no signs of solution. The resignation is ascribed to the difficulties the Cabinet encountered in adapting its programme to the policy of the French Mandatory Power.

The Syrians are said to be disappointed at the lack of assurances in the matter of the treaty of 1936 which provided for the release of Syria from the Mandate and complete independence in 1940.—Reuter.

Exchequer Returns

London, June 13.

Exchequer returns show that the total ordinary revenue amounts to £114,259,546 compared with £106,350,439 a year ago. Receipts from customs at £47,363,000 are more than £5,000,000 up on last year. The total expenditure less self-balancing items, is £233,036,157 compared with £189,954,386 at the corresponding date of 1938.—British Wireless.

Government And "Cheap Money"

London, June 13.

A question addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons, gave him the opportunity to declare that he saw nothing in present conditions to suggest the need for any change in policy of Government regarding the maintenance of "cheap money"—a matter in relation to which, he had frequently stated Government's general policy.—British Wireless.

New British Ministry Of Information Proposed

LONDON, June 13.

THE Cabinet will consider to-morrow a proposal to establish a Ministry of Information to deal mainly with the question of foreign affairs and the presentation of the British case more effectively to the world.

Lord Perth, former Ambassador to Italy, is expected to play a prominent part in the new organisation in view of his special knowledge of international affairs and his long period of office as Secretary General of the League of Nations. There will, however, be a spokesman for the new Ministry if the House of Commons approve the proposals.

Present plans are limited in character in order to cover peace activities but they will be considerably extended in the event of war.—Reuter.

No Change In Moravia, Bohemia Status Quo

BERLIN, JUNE 13.

IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY STATED THAT HERR HITLER TOLD THE REICH MINISTER TO PRAGUE LAST WEEK THAT THE PRESENT FORM OF PROTECTORATES IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA WOULD NOT BE ALTERED.

WELL INFORMED CIRCLES SAID THE CURRENT UNREST HAD NOT AFFECTED HITLER'S DECISION TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO.

In the meantime, Nazi anger against Poland is increasing.

Danzig newspapers charged that three Poles, including one in the uniform of a Customs Guard, castrated a German with a penknife near Graudenz.

Himmler's Movements

Herr Himmler's unexpected visit to Prague, immediately on top of the German-Czech incidents growing out of the Czechs' passive resistance to German rule, has aroused the unconfident reports that Herr Himmler was sent to stiffen the German hold on the Protectorate.

It is recalled that Herr Himmler, as Police Chief and head of the Gestapo, is in charge of "restoring order" in Austria, Sudenland, Bohemia, Moravia and Memelland after their occupation.—United Press.

New Coup Expected

London, June 13.

Herr Hitler's new coup is expected within a few days with the occupation of Slovakia by German troops and the annexation of the country as the third protectorate of the Reich, writes the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Herald.

German troops are already in some parts of the country in accordance with the treaty between Germany and Slovakia, and resistance is out of the question. The suggestion seems to have been made to Hungary that she could have back the greater part of Slovakia for the cession to Germany of a slice of Hungarian territory west of the River Ráb.

The correspondent believes that Hungary firmly refused to agree.—Reuter.

Czech Strikes Banned

Prague, June 13.

The Czech Government has banned all strikes and lock-outs in the Protectorate and labour tranquility. Regulations on wages and working conditions will be issued soon.—Trans-Ocean.

China Currency

Why Support Was Withdrawn

LONDON, June 13.

MR. F. J. Bellenger asked in the House of Commons to-day the reason for the serious fall in the exchange value of the Chinese dollar and why the Stabilisation Fund had ceased to operate.

Sir John Simon, in reply, referred the questioner to the statement issued in Hongkong on June 8.

Mr. Bellenger asked if the purpose of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund was not to keep the Chinese dollar stable and, as it had depreciated since, whether the Fund had ceased to serve a useful purpose.

Sir John Simon said he did not think that the Fund had ceased to be useful, and he again referred the questioner to the Hongkong statement.

Mr. Bellenger asked whether the Fund had ceased to operate as British funds were involved.

Reason For Collapse

The Chancellor of the Exchequer again referred to the Hongkong statement "than which there could hardly be better information." "As is generally known, during the past weeks there has been no pressure on the China Stabilisation Fund and confidence in the National Currency remains unshaken. Control, however, temporarily withdrew its support on Wednesday in order to allow the exchange value of the dollar to be adjusted to a better economic level and, thereby, bring the balance of trade into equilibrium."

Sir John recalled a similar step taken last June and said that when the level of 8d. was found, it was successfully maintained for twelve months.

It was confidently believed that the new level had now been found and could be strongly held. Many goods previously imported into China were now being made at home and a favourable harvest, which was fore-shadowed by all reports, would also contribute towards reduced imports. Arrangements had been completed so that the government's requirements of foreign exchange for munitions and other supplies had been taken care of and would not come on the exchange market.

Finally, as the Stabilisation Fund had now been strengthened and further efforts to broaden the basis of the Fund had been successful, the ability of the authorities to maintain exchange could not be questioned. It was further emphasised that despite the present adjustment in exchange level, National currency would continue to retain the confidence of the people because its free convertibility was at all times assured.—Reuter.



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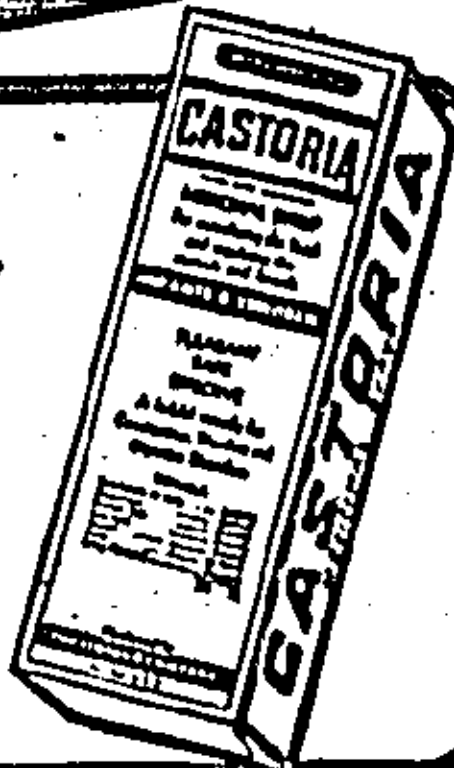
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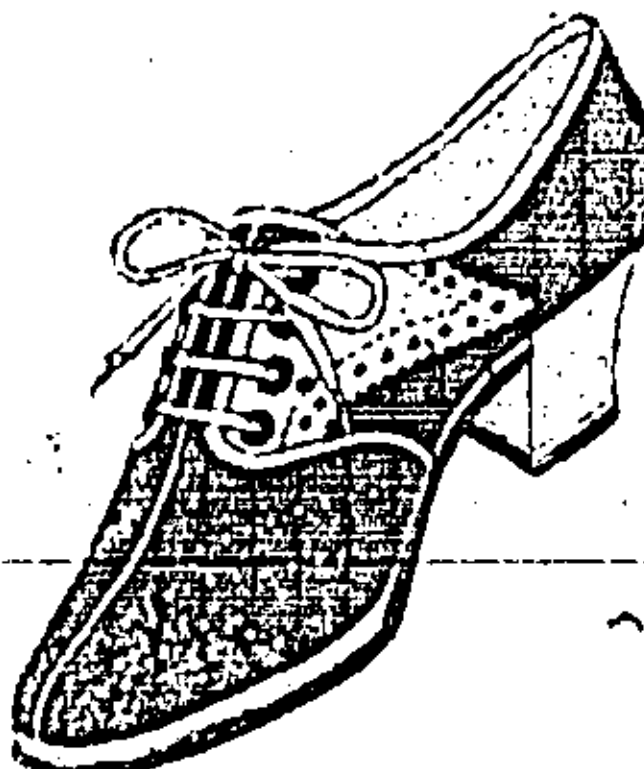
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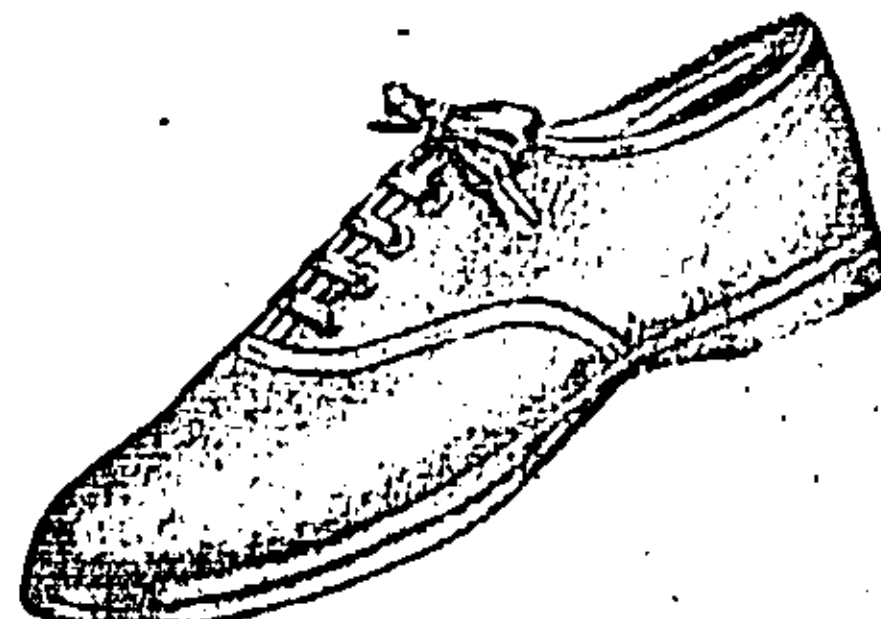
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,400 n.
H.K. Banks Ltd. £.....84½ n.
Chartered £.....75 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....27 n.
Mercantile, C. £.....13 n.
East Asia £.....60 n.

INSURANCES

Cantons \$.....230 n.
Unions \$.....405 n.
China Underwriters \$.....145 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....185 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas S. S. d.07 n.
Steamboats \$.....15 n.
Indo-China, P. S.60 n.
Indo-China, D. S.30 n.
Shell Bearers S/-.....84½ n.
Waterboats \$.....610 n.

BOOKS ETC.

Wharves \$.....110 n.
Docks \$.....1020 n.
Providents \$.....400 n.
New Emp. Sh. \$.....
Sh. Docks, Sh. \$.....

MINING

Kallan s/-.....20/ n.
Rauks \$.....840 n.
Venz Gold \$.....3 n.
Hongkong Mines Ltd.4 n.
Antamoks P. S.23 n.
Atoks P. S.20 n.
Benquet Cons. P. S.1140 n.
Coco Grove P. S.34½ n.
Demonstrations P. S.
I.X.L. P. S.52 n.
Hogons P. S.24 n.
Cumalines P. S.28 n.
San Mauricio P. S.102 n.
Suyoc Consol P. S.15½ n.
Parachutes P. S.47 n.

LANDS

Hotels \$.....580 n.
Lands \$.....37 n.
Lands 4% deb. \$.....100½ n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....1050 n.
Humphreys \$.....874 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....40 n.
Chinese Estates \$.....100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$.....17½ n.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....740 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....370 n.
Star Ferries \$.....67 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....2270 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....80 n.
China Lights (new) \$.....580 n.
H.K. Electric \$.....50½ n.
Macao Electric \$.....18 n.
Sundakan Lights \$.....12 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....2300 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....770 n.
Traction s/-.....20/ n.
Traction (Prof.) s/-.....22½ n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cold: Macg. (ord.) Sh. \$.....14 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pre.) Sh. \$.....13 n.
Canton Ices \$.....1 b.
Cements \$.....14 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....370 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) \$.....2220 n.
Dairy Farms (new) \$.....895 n.
Watsons \$.....895 n.
Lane, Crawford \$.....750 n.
Sinceres \$.....180 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....41 b.
Powell, Ltd. \$.....1 b.

COTTON MILLS

Ewe Sh. \$.....2100 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....114 n.
Zhong Sing Sh. \$.....
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$.....

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments \$.....680 b.
Constructions \$.....155 n.
Voro Rilling \$.....8½ n.
Cl. Govt. 5% 1025
G. Bonds58½ n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prm. b.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3½% ¼% prm. n.

MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices:
June 13, June 14,
Afternoon Morning
Closing Closing

Antamok23
Atok29
Bangu24½
Batang Bulay010
Benquet Cons.Unq.
Bing WidgeUnq.
Coco Grove34½
Cons. MinesUnq.
DemonstrationUnq.
I.X.L.52
Ipo GoldUnq.
Kogan MiningUnq.
Mambulo Cons.Unq.
Masbate Cons.11½
Mind. Mothes11
Mine Operations15
North Canarines28
Paracale Gumus19
San Mauricio102
Suyoc Cons.Unq.
Suyoc Cons.194
Syndicate Invest.243
United Paracale47
The following is Swan, Culbertson & Felt's report on this morning's market:
Trading was again light and the market was very quiet to show practically no price changes at the end of the morning period on the Manila Gold share market. Atok gained ½ centavo, while Coco Grove lost ½ centavo to register the only changes in the medium priced issues.

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Tennis

Chinese R. C. Surprised By South China

Playing at home yesterday in the "B" Division of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League, Hongkong Cricket Club proved much too good for Civil Service Cricket Club and won by 7½ matches to 1½. Two of the home pairs won all three of their matches. S. Story and J. J. Ferguson (H.K.C.C.) beat J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner 6-2, beat I. and B. Agafuroff 6-4, beat S. Peck and J. Bicknell 6-3.

B. O'M. Deane and W. H. Jowitt (H.K.C.C.) lost to Bendall and Skinner 4-6, drew with the Agafuroff brothers, beat Peck and Bicknell 6-3. T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan (H.K.C.C.) beat Bendall and Skinner 6-3, beat the Agafuroff brothers 6-1, beat Peck and Bicknell 6-3.

S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C.
At King's Park yesterday, South China Athletic Association surprised by an easy victory over the Chinese Recreation Club on the former's courts 6½ to 2½ in the "B" Division of the Tennis League.

The feature of the match was the splendid play of the veteran, Dr. Philip Tsau, who is playing in the tournament under the name of C. S. Dew. Dr. Tsau, who was formerly Chinese Consul-General in Singapore, and latterly special representative of the Chinese Foreign Office in Canton, played with an unerring eye, and despite his sixty years, placed so well that his opponents were left guessing all the time.

W. T. Lee and C. S. Dew (S.C.A.A.) beat Luk Ding-cheung and Wong Shiu-wing 7-5; beat Lu Tak-cheuk and Luk Chang-cheung 6-3; beat Choy Ping-fan and Ng Kum-chuen 6-3.

W. H. Ho and J. Hsu (S.C.A.A.) drew with Luk and Wong; lost to Lu and Luk 4-6; lost to Choy and Ng 2-6.
J. Wong and H. K. Ho (S.C.A.A.) beat Luk and Wong 6-4; beat Lu and Luk 6-2; beat Choy and Ng 6-1.

K.C.C. Beat C.C.C.
At the K.C.C. Kowloon Cricket Club beat Craigengower Cricket Club 3½-3½.
F. Grose and A. V. White (K.C.C.) beat W. J. Howard and E. Zimmern 7-5; drew with Geo. Lal and J. W. Leonard; beat Leo Chon and Robert Chao 6-1.

E. Soltan and W. M. Gittins (K.C.C.) beat Howard and Zimmern 6-3; lost to Lal and Leonard 4-6; beat Chon and Chao 6-4.
N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.) lost to Howard and Zimmern 3-6; lost to Lal and Leonard 3-6; beat Chon and Chao 6-2.

K.I.T.C. Beaten at Home
At the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club ground the home team were beaten by the Club de Recreio 6-3.

S. A. and S. S. Hassain (K.I.T.C.) beat W. A. Reed and M. A. Oliveira 6-3; lost to A. M. Silva and F. A. V. Ribeiro 4-6; beat H. Gonsalves and A. M. Remedios 6-1.
M. A. Khan and F. Khan lost to Reed and Oliveira 4-6; lost to Silva and Ribeiro 1-6; beat Gonsalves and Remedios 6-4.

A. Rahmin and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.) lost to Reed and Oliveira 1-6; lost to Silva and Ribeiro 1-6; lost to Gonsalves and Remedios 2-6.

FATSHAN RELEASED

Coming On Saturday With Passengers

The Japanese authorities in Canton have given permission for the China Navigation Company's river steamer Fatshan to leave Canton on Saturday morning with passengers for Hongkong.

It will be recalled that the Fatshan was held up by the Japanese last week.

It will be recalled that on June 6 the Canton Japanese Consul-General issued a statement saying that the Fatshan would not be allowed to proceed to Hongkong on June 8. The Consul said that the reason for this was that the British authorities were not respecting the spirit and letter of the memorandum concluded between the British Consul-General and the Japanese.

Consul's Statement

Canton, June 13.
The steamer Fatshan, which was prevented from sailing last week, is sailing on June 17 with passengers.

Mr. Okazaki, Japanese Consul-General, stated, "The British Consul-General withdrew the original interpretation of the shipping memorandum which led to the holding up of the Fatshan. He now agrees with the Japanese interpretation that any Japanese vessels, as long as they are chartered by the Japanese Government, will be allowed to visit Hongkong weekly, whether ocean or river vessels, carrying any civilian passengers."—Reuter.

Exchange At A Glance

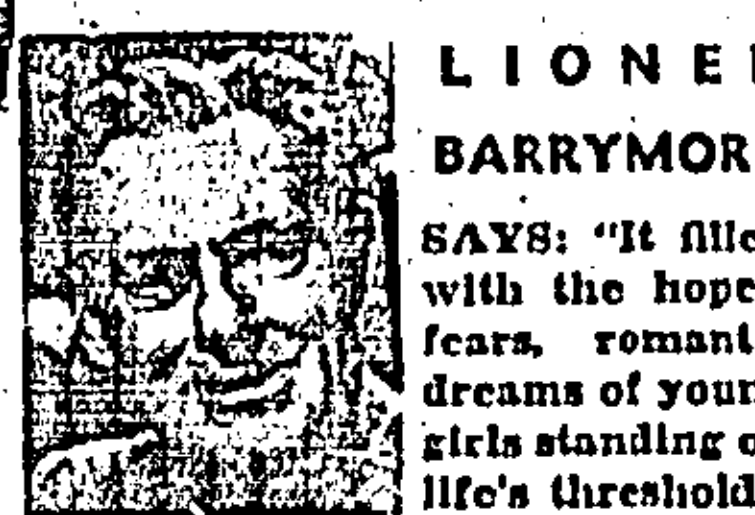
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	Reg.	June 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	June 15, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
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	Ord.	June 15, 7 p.m.

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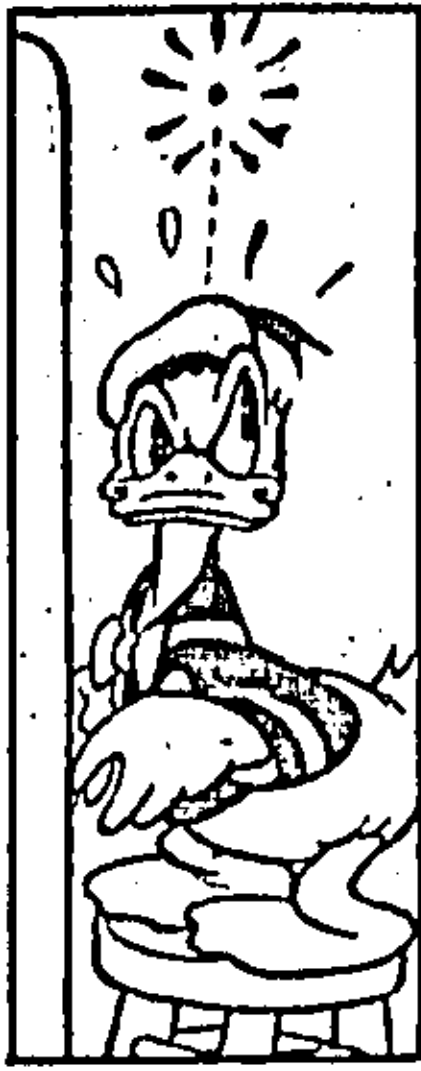
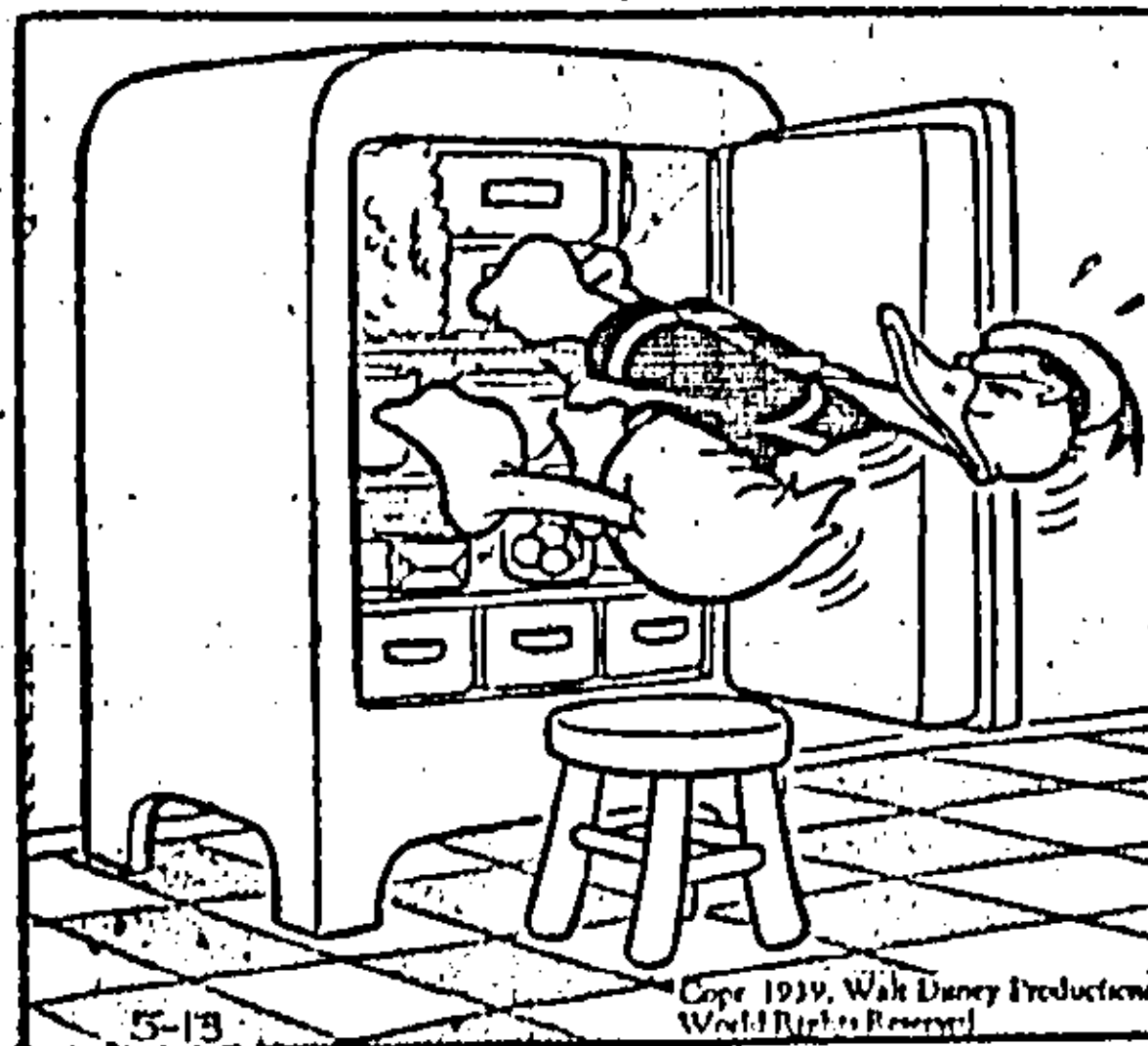
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IN THE House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in response to a request from the Labour Member, Mr. Noel Baker, for a statement regarding the situation in Tientsin, said the assassination of the Chinese official in the British Concession on April 9 was the first case of violence in the concession since the outbreak of hostilities.

"The assassin, a Chinese, escaped and the Municipal authorities invited the Japanese to co-operate in the investigations and search for the murderer," said Mr. Butler.

"Several raids were made in the Concession, resulting in arrests. The Japanese then reported that four of those arrested were members of a terrorist gang connected with Cheng's murder and the deaths of three Japanese soldiers.

"These men were handed over to the Japanese for questioning and they made confessions implicating themselves which they later retracted when they were returned to the custody of the British authorities.

Alleged Torture

"A warning proclamation was made by the British authorities on June 7 that any further acts of violence would be dealt with by handing over those concerned to the de facto authorities for trial or by expulsion from the Concession.

"The four men in question were arrested before this proclamation was issued and, in the absence of evidence connecting them with the crime—other than their own confessions which they alleged they made while under torture—the British Government does not feel justified in ordering them to be handed over to the local district court."

"The British Consul General accordingly informed his Japanese colleague that the four men would be held by him pending the production of further evidence, failing which they would be expelled from the Concession," continued Mr. Butler.

"Two other men found in possession of a bomb were handed over to the Japanese authorities.

"Any further offences will be dealt with under the terms of the British proclamation. The Japanese have indicated that they consider this reply to be unsatisfactory and measures have already been taken to remove Japanese business employees from the Concession and to isolate it.

"The situation is serious, but negotiations are still proceeding and it is hoped that a settlement will be reached."—United Press.

Statement in Full

LONDON, June 13.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, spoke of Tientsin incidents in the House of Commons to-day.

He said: "On May 9 the Manager of the Federal Reserve Bank and the newly-appointed Superintendent of Customs were assassinated in the British Concession. This was the first case of violence in the Concession since the outbreak of hostilities.

"The Japanese alleged that four of these men were members of a terrorist gang connected with the deaths of three Japanese soldiers. The men were handed over to the Japanese for questioning and made confessions implicating themselves which, however, they later retracted when returned to the custody of the British Municipal authorities.

"A warning by proclamation was made on June 7 that any breach of neutrality henceforth would be dealt with either by handing over the culprit to the de facto authorities, by trial, or by expulsion from the Concession.

"The four men in question were arrested before the issue of the proclamation. In the absence of evidence connecting them with the crime, other than their own confessions made while in the custody of the Japanese—and as they alleged, under torture—the British Government have not felt justified in giving instructions for them to be handed over to the local district office. This attitude is in accordance with the practice followed for the past twenty-two months.

"The British Consul General accordingly informed his Japanese colleague on June 7 that the four men would be held by him pending the production of further evidence, failing which they would be eventually expelled from the Concession. Two other men found in possession of bombs would be handed over and, henceforth, offenders would be dealt with as announced in the proclamation.

"The Japanese have intimated that they consider this reply unsatisfactory.

PLIGHT OF REFUGEES No Home For 800 Germans

LONDON, June 13.

MR. TOM WILLIAMS, THE Labour Member, ASKED THE HOME SECRETARY WHETHER HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN DRAWN TO THE PLIGHT OF 800 GERMAN REFUGEES ON BOARD THE STEAMER ST. LOUIS WHICH HAD NOW RETURNED TO EUROPEAN WATERS.

Captain Penke, Under-Secretary for the Home Office, stressed that it was of first importance that arrangements for the emigration of refugees should proceed under an orderly programme but in the present case it appeared that there were exceptional circumstances which might justify the admission to England of a proportion of these refugees pending arrangements for their ultimate emigration, and plans were being made accordingly. He understood that the governments of Belgium and Holland were also willing to take a share in providing a temporary asylum.

Capt. Penke emphasised that the special governments in this case could not be regarded as a precedent.

Special Arrangements

LONDON, June 13.

In the House of Commons to-day the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Home Office told the Labour member, Mr. Tom Williams, that special arrangements have been made to permit a proportion of the refugees on the steamship St. Louis to land in Britain.

"This cannot be regarded as a precedent for the reception in future of refugees who may leave Germany before definite arrangements have been made for their admission elsewhere," he said.

Refugees Saved

LONDON, June 13.

The Envison Committee has saved all the German Jewish refugees on board the Steamer St. Louis and has induced Belgium to temporarily accept 250; The Netherlands 194; France approximately 200 and Great Britain the remainder, after the United States joint distribution committee had offered to pay for their maintenance.

British Asylum

LONDON, June 13.

Figures published here on Tuesday indicate that 29,000 political refugees have entered England since 1933. Of these, 4,000 have left for other countries. The bulk of the immigrants arrived in England since January this year.

American Jews Aid

LONDON, June 13.

The temporary accommodation of the steamer St. Louis' refugees passengers in England, France, Belgium and Holland was made possible because the American Jewish Committee offered to deposit \$500 for each refugee until they could be emigrated to America.

Salvaging The Centurion

LONDON, June 13.

The Postmaster General announces that salvage of the Imperial Airways air liner Centurion is proceeding. The Calcutta mail will be dried and forwarded as it is recovered.

Divers' Difficulties

Calcutta, June 13.

Divers and dock officials are experiencing difficulty in raising the Centurion. The tail of the machine was sticking out of the water yesterday but it submerged when the flying boat shifted about 200 yards during the night.

Herr Hitler At Berchtesgaden

Berlin, June 13.

Herr Hitler is en route to Berchtesgaden, where he is expected to stay several weeks or, possibly, two months.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1889.

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play at the Murray Barracks this evening commencing at 7.30 o'clock. The following will be the programme:—March "Praeludium"; Devory Quadrille "Arbenken"; Budik Valse "Toua la Jole"; Fohrbach Polka "The Mikado"; Bueloal Galop "Uber stock and Stein".

A Junk-master and two others were charged before Mr. Pollock to-day with resisting authority, in the persons of a number of excise officers, at Yau-mai yesterday. The officers went aboard to search for opium, and the prisoners discouraged them by flourishing a revolver. One of the worst flourishers was fined \$10; the others got off on payment of \$8.

An interesting presentation was made on the O. & O. steamship Gaelic, early this week, in connection with the recent record-breaking runs of that vessel. In the presence of a number of passengers and friends, Captain Pearne presented the chief engineer, Mr. Tomlinson, with a handsome carriage clock and a heavy English silver. On the Gaelic, the chief engineer, Mr. Tomlinson, presented to the Captain a silver watch, a commemorative of the event of having accomplished the record trip between San Francisco and Yokohama up to date. Yokohama to San Francisco, April 1889. San Francisco to Yokohama, May 1889. Messrs. Gaupp & Co. supplied the presents.

The case of the Government messenger, charged with delivering threatening letters to the keeper of a native brothel, was before Mr. J. B. Macdonald, Dr. Stewart (The Colonial Secretary) attended, and after examining the letters, said the signatures did not resemble his. He knew nothing of the person to whom they were addressed. Mr. Brown, the Surveyor-General, also attended, and identified the stamp on the letters as belonging to the Public Works Department. He did not know how many stamps there were in the Department, and needed time to make inquiries. Mr. Cooper might know, but he was at Tytan. He could investigate the matter in the Department. Mr. Yodhouse objected to an investigation being made except by the Police and remanded the case, so that Mr. Cooper might attend.

25 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1914.

The R.M.S. Dufferin, which arrived in the harbour to-day, brought on board the 74th Punjabis, 2nd and 3rd Companies of the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion of the Royal Garrison Artillery. Yesterday the 8th Rajput, whose place is being taken by the 74th Punjabis, moved to the camp at Lungtung, vacating quarters for the new arrivals, who commenced the evening of yesterday at the 74th Punjabis' Wharf. The new comers will take over the Whitfield Camp barracks.

The 74th Punjabis were formed in Vellore, in 1746, by General Donald Campbell drafts from the fifth, ninth and tenth Carnatic Battalions and were originally styled the fourteenth Carnatic Battalion. During its history the regiment's designation has been changed many times, the first being in 1784 when the title was altered to 14th Madras Battalion; 1798, to 6th Regiment Madras Infantry; 1824, 14th Regiment Madras Infantry; 1901, 14th Madras Infantry; and 74 Punjabi, their present designation, in 1903.

Their standard, which has been found on principle, is a red banner with battle-field bears a Dragon with the motto "Ready and True" and also the following emblems:—Carnatic, Shillong, and Mahabulpoor, China, and Burma 1855-57.

The composition of the regiment is as follows:—Four companies of Punjabi Muslims, two companies of Sikhs, other than Jats and Mazhis, and two of Punjabi Hindus.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the Resolute won the third race between the America Cup defenders.

The Resolute is the New York Club's candidate for the honour of Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, Shamrock IV. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt is the chief financial backer of the boat. The Resolute will be the principal contender in the elimination trials, she will be the smallest yacht that has ever participated in a race for the famous Cup.

10 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1929.

The authorities are doing their utmost to supplement the water supplies of the Colony by opening up a number of wells, whilst nullah streams are being tapped at various points. The water is being pumped to the reservoirs, which are being filled up. The water is being pumped to the reservoirs, which are being filled up. The water is being pumped to the reservoirs, which are being filled up.

With regard to the use of water from steamers and tankers, a notice was put in at Tytan Bay and got within half a mile of the reservoir pumping plant. The notice was put in at Tytan Bay and got within half a mile of the reservoir pumping plant. The notice was put in at Tytan Bay and got within half a mile of the reservoir pumping plant.

The water could thus be taken direct into the pumping plant and transmitted to the reservoirs which feed such a large part of the Colony.

King And Queen

ON LAST STAGE OF TOUR

Frederickton, New Brunswick, June 13.

DRIVING from Newcastle through the peaceful countryside of New Brunswick, Their Majesties arrived here on the last stage of their triumphant tour. The whole of the route, 100 miles long, had been closed to the public but every hamlet on the way had its triumphal arch of cedar and hemlock branches while little wooden churches and old bridges over streams were all decorated with flags.

Farmers came running from the fields to watch the Royal car pass and in front of every school, the children assembled to catch a glimpse of Their Majesties.

The King and Queen received an official welcome in the Legislative building and afterwards visited the University of New Brunswick where they were entertained to luncheon by the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council of the Province.

Arrive At St. John's

St. John's, New Brunswick, June 13.

Their Majesties arrived here at 4.32 p.m.—Reuter.

Arduous Job Ends

Washington, June 13.

Frank Wilson, chief of the American Secret Service, is breathing a big sigh of relief that one of the biggest bodyguarding jobs of his career has been completed.

He told reporters that the outstanding thing about the Royal visit was that "nobody seemed to want to do their Majesties any harm."

The Secret Service did not have to arrest anybody before, during, or after the visit. In fact, said Mr. Wilson, all kinds of "crime dropped off" during the visit. "I guess petty crooks were too busy watching the parades," was his explanation.

"We Want The King"

In the Assembly Room of the New Brunswick Legislature at Fredericton to-day, 15,000 shouting school children "We want the King! We want the Queen!" drowned Prime Minister A. S. Dymally while he was reading a message of welcome to their Majesties which was afterwards handed to them.

However, the Mayor, Mr. C. H. Forbes did not attempt to read his message, he merely handed it to the King.

Their Majesties left the train at Newcastle and drove through the picturesque countryside to Fredericton. Once a herd of cattle blocked the highway and the limousine's arrival.

The King's formal morning clothes and top hat were a striking contrast to the clothes of the lumbermen who shooed the cattle away.

The weather continues to be ideal.

Workers' Plight In Pootung

Chungking, June 13.

A Shanghai message states that 600 workers of the British-owned China Printing and Finishing Company's factory at Pootung are in dire plight as a result of the Japanese authorities' refusal to let the factory to reopen.

The workers are now appealing to various public bodies in Shanghai for help.—Central News.

5 YEARS AGO

June 14, 1934.

Excitement was caused at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank this afternoon by the detection by bank officials of a number of exceedingly clever forgeries of \$500 notes.

This morning, one forged note believed to have originated in Macao was handed in, and accepted, the forgery being discovered later.

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6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.30 Todd Duncan, Elisabeth Welch and Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.

8.00 Moon Over Dixie—Fox-Trot; Jazz Convulsions—Fox-Trot; Duke Ellington and His Orchestra; Far Away In Shanty Town (Glamorous Night)—Novello; The Girl I Knew (Glamorous Night)—Novello; Elisabeth Welch (Comedienne) accom. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; Rockin' Chair—Fox-Trot; East St. Louis Toodle-Do—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra; River God (from 'The Sun Never Sets')—Cole Porter; Drums (from 'The Sun Never Sets')—Cole Porter and Leslie Elsie; Todd Duncan (Vocal) with the Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.

8.30 London Relay—"At The Black Dog".

8.50 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

9.00 An Hour of Latest Dance Music and Variety.

9.15 Orchestra—"Deep Purple" (Parish-De Rose); Geraldine and His Orchestra; Vocal—"So Little Time" (De Rose, Hill); You Leave Me Breathless (from 'Cocoanut Grove')—Greta Keller (Vocal) with Orchestra; Organ—"Smash And Grab" (Leach); Temptation Rag (Lodge); Donald Thorne at the Organ of the Granada, Clapham Junction; Vocal—"I Won't Tell A Soul" (Parker, Charles); Goodnight, Angel (from 'Radio City Revels')—The Street Singer with instrumental accom. Fox-Trot—"The Lady On The Second Floor" (Quickstep—"It's In The Air"—Bron Lawrence and His Landsdowne Orchestra; Vocal—"Singers On Parade" (accom. by Felix Mendelssohn's Orchestra); Intro: I'm gonna lock my heart.... Sam Costa; I'm sorry I said I loved you.... Helen Clare; You couldn't be cuter.... Paula Green; The sweetest song in the world.... George Bardy; A-hicket, a-hicket.... Pat Hyde; Little lady make-believe.... Al Bowley; Fox-Trot—"The Palms Stroll"; Quickstep—"The Blackbird Hop.... Jack Harris and His Orchestra; Vocal—"Then You've Never Been Blue" (Hurry Home.... Frances Langford with Orchestra; Fox-Trot—"Jump Jump's Here"; The Spider And The Fly.... The Milt Herth Quartet; Organ—"Sing, You Sinners"—Selection; "Carefree"—Selection.... Dudley Beaven.

9.30 London Relay—"Empire Exchange".

9.45 Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.55 London Relay—"The News".

9.55 Granada—Three Spanish Dances.

New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

9.45 London Relay—"Sports News and Market Notes".

9.50 Backhaus playing Chopin Studies.

Studies, Op. 10; No. 10 in A Flat Major; No. 9 in F Minor; Studies, Op. 25; No. 7 in C Sharp Minor; No. 9 in G Flat Major (The Butterfly); No. 10 in B Minor.

10.02 B.B.C. Recording—"Writing Biography".

A talk by Philip Guedalla.

10.15 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act 1. Singers in order of appearance: Piero Pauli (Tenor); Giovanni Azimonti (Bass); Antonio Gelli (Baritone); Carmen Melis (Soprano); Apollo Granforte (Baritone); and Nella Paila (Tenor) with Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabajno.

11.00 Close Down.

First Run Film For The Oriental

John Garfield, whom film stars will remember as the young actor who stole the honours in "Four Daughters", will be seen in the Oriental Theatre to-morrow, when "Blackwell's Island", a Warner Bros. production, opens a three-day session at this popular picture house as a first run picture at the usual prices.

Garfield made his first appearance in movie pictures in "Four Daughters", but he did so well that he was selected to play the lead in "Blackwell's Island", a picture exposing the gangster racket which played such havoc in America a few years back.

In his paper, Garfield, who plays the role of a reporter in his first starring vehicle, runs up against a gang who runs the "waterfront protection racket". He is warned time and again not to interfere but he does not relax in his efforts even after the leader of the gang is jailed. He works his way into prison and then fights his way out again after he has found enough evidence to prove that even the warden had fallen victim to this all-powerful gang.

Garfield is the type of actor that should prove tremendously popular with local audiences. He talks very clearly and his acting is of such high order that we should see a lot more of him in the near future. He has been hailed as the second Paul Muni but those who have seen him make so bold as to predict an even bigger future for this young actor who has advanced more rapidly to the forefront than anybody else in modern screen history.

Living up to their reputation of always giving their thousands of patrons value for their money, the management of the Oriental Theatre are not stopping at just one first-run picture at the usual prices. They will put on "Little Miss Thoroughbred" immediately after "Blackwell's Island" and when it is mentioned that Miss Ann Sheridan and John Littel have the leading roles in "Little Miss Thoroughbred", that should be enough guarantee of a very entertaining picture.

Little four year old Miss Janet Chapman, whom film executives call the second Shirley Temple, has a very important role in the picture and should take local audiences by storm.

The local cinema public will be pleased to learn that the Oriental Theatre have concluded arrangements to show a number of first run pictures in the immediate future, and no "roundabout prices" are contemplated!

Germany's High Taxation

Berlin, June 13.

In a lecture at the Berlin Mercantile Club, Herr Fritz Reinhardt, of the Reich Finance Ministry, said Germany's taxation revenue had risen from 6.6 milliards in 1932 to 17.7 milliards in 1938 and these resources had been supplemented by short and medium term loans.—Trans-Ocean.

Late Detective Wan Man Fund

Further contributions have been received this morning for the fund for the relief of the family of the late Detective Wan Man.

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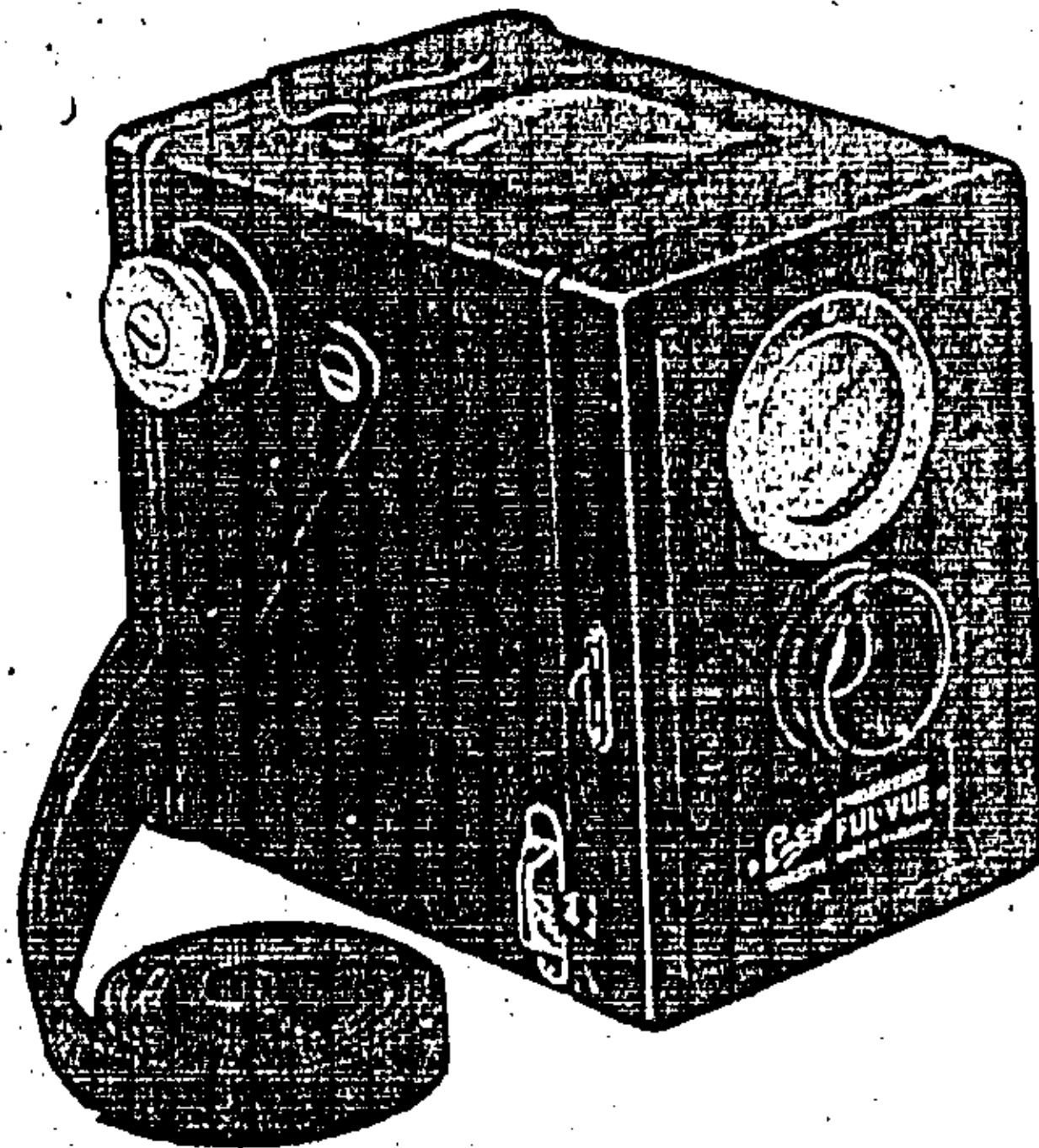
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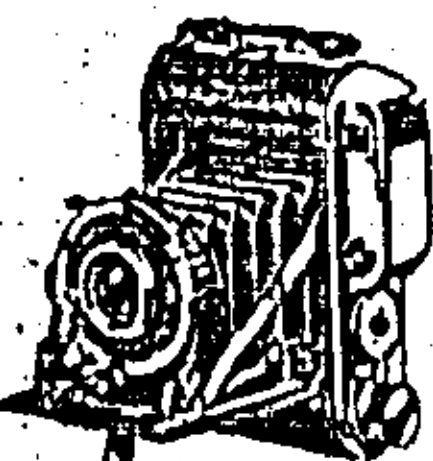
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Warning To Japan

The Japanese blockade of the
 British Concession in Tientsin
 officially came into operation this
 morning, and no one can con-
 template the eventual outcome
 of this action with anything but
 alarm. The future of all foreign
 Concessions in China may well be
 in the melting pot. Japan has
 not attempted to hide her inten-
 tions, which include the virtual
 elimination of the Western
 Powers as powerful political and
 commercial factors in China.
 The blockade of Tientsin with,
 presumably, the final object of
 acquiring control of the foreign
 settlements, may be the signal
 for the attempted realisation of
 Japan's ultimate aspirations.

The importance of the Tien-
 tsin blockade is more far-reaching
 than immediate, and any success
 which the Japanese may gain in
 this project is likely to mean
 more to them psychologically
 than materially. Japan places
 greater importance on securing
 control of the Shanghai Interna-
 tional Settlement than in bring-
 ing the British Concession in
 Tientsin to its knees, but in
 achieving the latter she will
 gain confidence in attempting
 the former. Lord Elibank's
 warning in the House of Lords
 on Monday that the Japanese
 were planning a coup in Shang-
 hai for July 7 may have been
 prompted more by a sense of the
 dramatic than by a knowledge of
 facts, but his statement acquires
 particular significance when it is
 considered together with the
 persistent Japanese hints, both
 official and inspired.

The shorter view is that the
 Japanese action in Tientsin is
 yet another gesture; a stupid,
 arrogant expression of Japan's
 contempt for the Western
 Powers, and of her now violent
 dislike of Britain. It is hard to
 believe Japan is deliberately
 goading Britain and her friends
 into armed retaliatory action,
 particularly as the China Inci-
 dent has gone anything but to
 plan. On the other hand, Japan
 cannot expect the affected
 foreign Powers to remain in-
 different for an indefinite time.
 Britain's attitude throughout the
 China war has been exemplary.
 She has endeavoured to meet
 Japan more than half-way over
 every issue. Japan's reply has
 been to press more and more
 demands, and to add insult to
 insult.

Public and parliamentary
 opinion in England naturally is
 hardening to a dangerous degree.
 Japan, no matter how legitimate
 she considers her East Asia
 aspirations, should endeavour to
 deal with the many problems
 which her actions have created
 in an intelligent and conciliatory
 manner. Blockades of, and mili-

A PREMIER SPEAKS FOR THE SEVEN COUNTRIES OF THE BALTIC "If only we can stay neutral..."

THE Prime Minister of one of the Baltic countries—
 political considerations compel him to remain
 anonymous—said to me the other day: "We are
 preparing to defend ourselves; all of us around the Baltic
 are doing so, but we do not regard the situation quite
 in the grave manner that other nations have perhaps the
 right to do.

"We shall protect our independence and we hope to retain
 our neutrality, realising, however, that our riches, acquired by
 hard work and not by any other means, may attract an envious
 neighbour less happily placed.

"The future of the Baltic countries," he added significantly,
 "depends on British sea power."

That Premier's view I found corroborated many times during
 the tour I have just made of the Baltic countries.

In reviewing the situation here I would like to write first
 about the Baltic interests of Russia and Poland. No layman
 knows the real sea power of the Russian Fleet.

I do know, however, that the
 Russian naval base in the Bal-
 tic, Kronstadt, is the most secret
 naval dockyard in the world.
 No civilian is allowed to live
 there unless he has special police
 permission, no Russian, unless
 he is an official, is allowed to
 visit Kronstadt, and no foreigner
 has ever been there since Stalin
 has been in power.

Russia fought hard to retain
 Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania,
 but these new States, helped
 with British and French war
 material, defeated the Bolshe-
 viks, as we called the Russian
 Army in those days.

Now the threat to the inde-
 pendence of these new Baltic
 States is believed to have shift-
 ed from east to west, and Rus-
 sia's Baltic interests compel her,
 so as to avoid having a common
 frontier with Germany, to help
 retain the independence of these
 Baltic countries and to keep
 them as buffer States.

In a Vice

NOW we come to Po-
 land. Look at the
 map of the Baltic and you will
 see Poland's interests. The fall
 of Austria and Czechoslovakia
 began the German encirclement
 of Poland; the annexation of
 Memelland, a part of Lithuania,
 continued it; if Germany an-
 nexes the remainder of Lithu-
 ania, Poland will be held in
 a powerful German vice.

The Danzig question is a mat-
 ter of current politics, and all
 I would say under this heading
 is that, having watched the
 gradual infiltration of German
 interests back into this former
 German Baltic Port, I am at a
 loss to understand how anybody
 can have any reasonable doubt
 that Germany, either by direct
 negotiation with Poland or by a
 coup de force, will fail to reunite
 Eastern Prussia with Germany
 proper, via the Danzig bridge.

Denmark preserved her neu-
 trality through four years of
 hell and secured for herself the
 province of Schleswig, which was
 returned to her after the Allies
 held a plebiscite in the territory
 Germany held.

Denmark to-day consists of
 17,144 square miles of territory
 and a population which is in-
 ferior to that of London, but, re-
 mark this, the coastline of Den-
 mark is equal to the coastline of
 France!

Objections may be raised that
 this length coastline includes the
 islands which abound round the
 coast; it does, but the islands
 have to be defended, as has the
 mainland, if defended it can be.
 But can it?

Denmark has an Army con-
 sisting of about 100,000 men.
 So far as foreign policy is con-
 cerned, Denmark stands in with
 her northern neighbours, Nor-
 way and Sweden, and latterly

tactical threats to foreign settle-
 ments cannot produce the desired
 results. Japan is merely
 building up passionate world
 opinion against herself, which,
 if ever it has to find expression,
 will involve Japan in the greatest
 catastrophe of her history.

by HARRY GREENWALL

Finland has moved into this
 orbit and away from the Baltic
 entente, which consists of
 Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Nazis in Denmark

THERE is a sharp divi-
 sion between the four
 Baltic countries and the group
 of three, and I can find no evi-
 dence whatsoever that all seven
 will group themselves together.

Although all declare their one
 interest is defence of indepen-
 dence and neutrality, the group of
 three looks to Poland for protec-
 tion, and the group of four—to
 Great Britain, although none
 will affirm this officially.

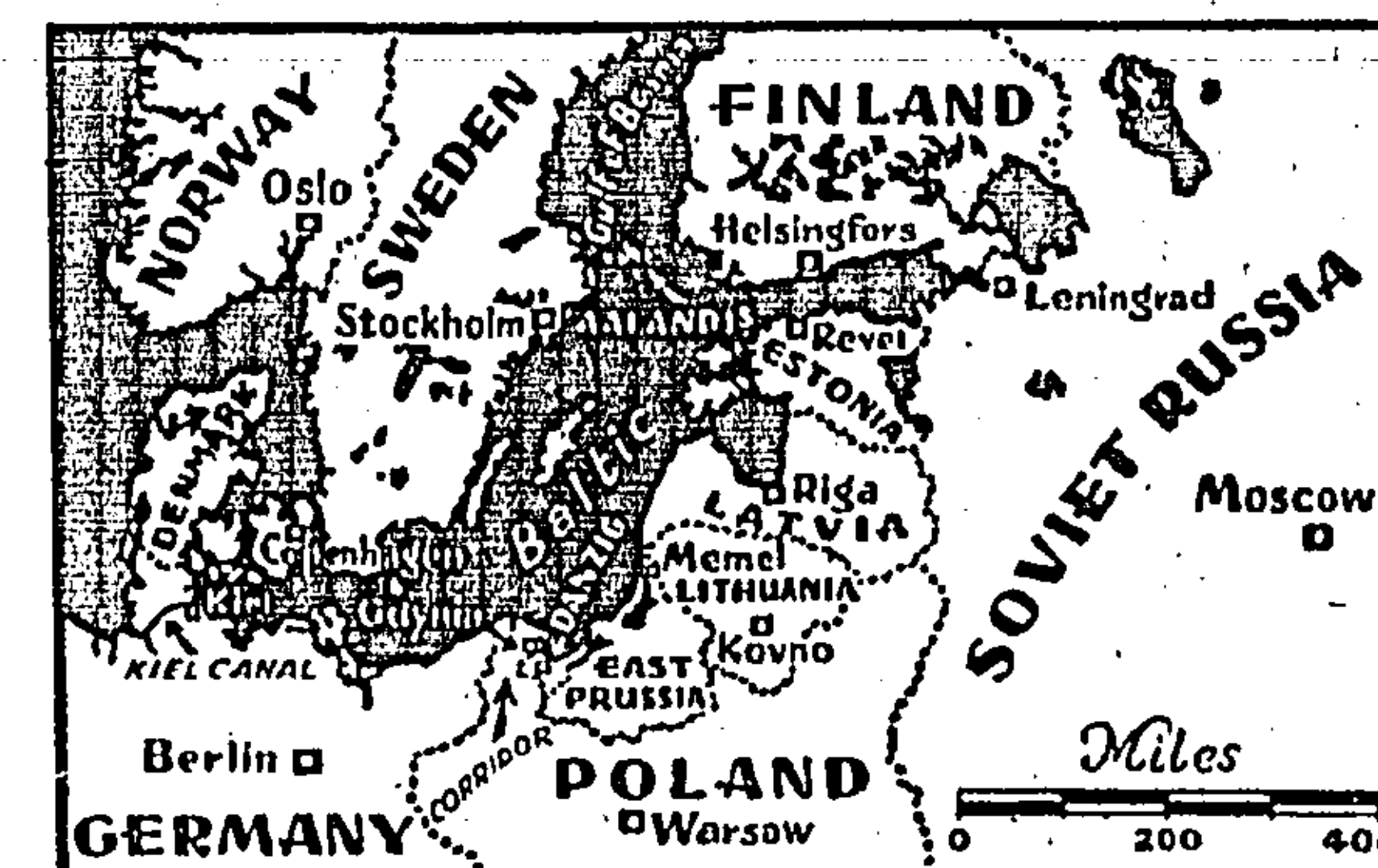
Official spokesmen in Copen-
 hagen "play down" the activities
 of the Danish Nazi Party, which
 polled 30,000 in the recent
 Danish election, and point out
 that this poll was not important,
 in consideration of the fact that
 only half of the population voted,
 on a universal suffrage ballot.

It is agreed here that German
 propaganda is active in Den-
 mark, and that wherever there
 is a German minority there is
 danger; but still, officially at
 least, there is no present fear.

I put this question to a Danish
 diplomat; "If Hitler demanded
 that your Premier Mr. Thorvald
 Stauning, goes to see him, what
 then?"

"He would not go," was
 the reply.

Lithuania was in the news
 some time ago when Germany
 walked in an annexed a slice of
 the country and became the
 possessor of Memel, probably



the finest and most modern com-
 mercial port of its size in North-
 ern Europe.

Look at the map and see how
 the big guns Germany is at this
 moment mounting in Memel are
 going to be useful in controlling
 a big section of the Baltic. Then
 there is the submarine base as
 well.

Has Germany any other poten-
 tial interests in Lithuania which
 may influence a final decision?

She most undoubtedly has, but
 these interests are economic and
 not political. Long before the
 coming of Hitler the Germans
 were hard at work in the new
 Baltic States selling German
 goods, establishing German
 banks, and opening German
 schools.

During the past four years
 British trade in the new Baltic
 countries has improved; in
 Estonia, for instance, imports
 from Great Britain have doubled
 themselves during the period I
 have mentioned. British pre-
 stige in the Baltic is ace high
 to-day, as it has been in the
 past. The prospects for British
 trade in the future are very
 bright, unless...

Unless the German pressure
 on the Baltic countries forming
 a buffer between Germany and
 and Russia is increased so much
 that breaking-point is reached.

Germany wants these coun-
 tries to sell all their produce to
 her and take German manufac-
 tured goods in exchange, not
 cash.

If these countries surrender,
 unemployment in Great Britain
 will increase. These countries
 are mainly agricultural, export-
 ing to Great Britain; I know
 many of my friends will aver
 that if exports from the Baltic
 are cut off, British farmers will
 benefit, but British exports
 trade will suffer first.

Latvia, with an area of 24,435
 square miles and a population of
 1,900,000, has a tale to tell
 which is similar to Lithuania's;
 German penetration, and latterly
 German pressure.

Estonia, the next-door neigh-
 bour to Russia, has an area of
 26,000 square miles and a popu-
 lation of 1,125,000.

All these three countries, the
 buffer States, fear they may be
 future German colonies. They
 have riches of the land, grand
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The Money In The Zoo

By David Murphy

THE builders are in at the London
 Zoo. The famous old Elephant
 House is coming down and out of its
 ruins will arise a new building
 that is a large amount to spend on
 a building for housing animals, you
 must remember that there is big
 money in a big Zoo.

Actually, the 100-year-old Ele-

phant House was due for replace-
 ment in any case but even the large
 finances of the Zoological Society
 would not stand the strain of an
 additional £25,000 in expenditure
 without some help.

That help, in the shape of a dona-
 tion of £10,000, came from the
 Maharajah of Bhavnagar, and the
 elephants who will later revel in
 sand baths and warm sprays will
 have to thank him for his generosity.

The last report of the Zoological
 Society shows that 1,810,012 people
 visited the Regent's Park Zoo last
 year, and between them they paid
 £57,313 in entrance fees. But large
 though this figure may seem, it is
 well below that for the record year,
 1928, when there were 2,225,002
 visitors.

Entrance fees, however, do not
 constitute the Zoological Society's
 whole income. The 1938 report gave
 the total income for the London Zoo
 as £112,057, while the year's expendi-
 ture was £112,488, leaving a bal-
 ance on the right side of £469. The
 figures for Whipnade are kept
 separately.

Where, you may ask, does all this
 money go? The answer is not diffi-
 cult when you consider some of the
 items on the expense side, quite
 apart from the large sum of money
 required to pay the salaries and
 wages of officials and keepers.

One of the largest individual items
 is food. In addition to the occupants
 of the aquarium and the reptile and
 insect houses there are some 1,000
 mammals and 1,850 birds in the Re-
 gent's Park Zoo. It costs £15,000 a
 year to feed them all.

Among other things, the animals
 last year consumed 51 tons of hay,
 150 tons of clover, 124 tons of horse-
 flesh, 9 tons of monkey nuts, 12 tons
 of bread, 4½ cwt. of honey, and
 24,640 bananas.

Nor did the Zoo caterer's troubles
 end there, by any means.
 In addition to the normal items
 of diet, he had to provide such things
 as shrimps, vitamin foods, canary
 seeds, egg-yolk, oilcake, sealions for
 the fish, and tons of fish for the sen-
 tinals, to say nothing of the hundred-
 and-one queer foods that figure on
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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I'll be polite and speak to her—but I absolutely refuse
 to notice what she's wearing."

Highlights From The China War Fronts

Important Neutrality Proposals Committee Votes Six Clauses

WASHINGTON, June 13. IGNORING threats of a filibuster in the Senate, the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, by a Party vote of 12 to 8, to-day favourably reported on the Neutrality Bill along the lines of Mr. Cordell Hull's recommendations.

Firstly, to repeal the mandatory arms embargo.

Secondly, to bar American owned ships and American nationals from war zones designed as such by the President.

Thirdly, not to allow the foreign purchaser to hold the title of goods shipped to belligerents.

Fourthly, to re-enact the ban on loans and credits to belligerents.

Fifthly, to provide close regulation of the solicitation and collection of funds for use by belligerents.

Sixthly, to re-enact the statute providing for the present Munitions Control Board.

President's Powers

The Neutrality Bill as reported upon to-day does not apply to any American republics.

The President, by proclamation, could restrict the use of United States ports to foreign submarines and armed merchantmen.

The President would also be authorised to lift the ban on loans and credits and, under certain restrictions, to provide for the extension of commercial credits and short time credits to "protect commercial and other interests of the United States and its citizens."

The Bill requires that the President every three months shall make public such exceptions he has granted.

Before House Soon

Representative Sol. Bloom, Acting Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day said it is expected that the Neutrality Bill will come before the House within a fortnight.

The Committee adopted the amendment for containing the existing munitions licenses.

They also adopted the President's definition of "arms, ammunition and implements of war" as per his proclamation of May 1, 1937.

The amendment prohibiting the arming of merchant ships trading with belligerent countries was also adopted.—United Press.

Weather Report: It's Hotter

Although the weather this morning was bright and sunny, the Royal Observatory predicts cloudiness and local showers later in the day.

The temperature this morning was much higher than that recorded yesterday morning. At 10 a.m. yesterday, the temperature was 80 degrees, six degrees lower than recorded this morning.

The humidity at 10 a.m. this morning was 79 degrees. During the last 24 hours only 0.07 inch of rain fell.

The weather report from the Royal Observatory reads: A weak anticyclone is stationary over the Pacific to the South East of Japan. A depression appears to be forming over North East China, and a shallow depression to the south of Japan is moving north-eastward. An area of low pressure covers Tongking and South West China.

Tel-Aviv Curfew

Jerusalem, June 13.

The curfew has again been imposed on Tel-Aviv by the British military authorities following the recent bombing incidents. The inhabitants are forbidden to appear on the streets between 8.30 p.m. and 4 a.m.—Trans-Ocean.

New German Cruiser

Berlin, June 13.

The fifth German 10,000-ton cruiser launching will be at Bremen on July 1.—Reuter Bulletin.

MEXICO CITY, June 13.—The 1,800 Spanish Loyalist refugees who disembarked at Vera Cruz comprise 600 peasants, 500 workers, 50 intellectuals and 600 women and children. They will be settled in the States of Vera Cruz, Puebla, Michoacan, Hidalgo and Mexico.—Trans-Ocean.

MERCILESS BOMBING OF CHINESE CITIES HEAVY FIGHTING

SHANGHAI, June 14.

JAPANESE naval air units continued their far-flung operations in North, Central and South China during the past days, according to a communique issued by the Japanese Fleet Headquarters.

Assisting mopping-up operations of the Japanese land forces in south-eastern Shantung, the raiding air units on June 10 and 11 bombed and machine-gunned the Chinese fortifications, troop concentrations, villages and boats near Chucheng, Chubshen, Shihiduso, Nanhutsi, Jih-chao and Antungwei.

Three successive raids were made on June 12 on Kian, the Chinese strategic centre in western Kiangsi. Intense anti-aircraft fire was directed from the northern and western parts of the city.

Taiho, another Chinese stronghold to the south of Kian, and Kanchow in southern Kiangsi were also severely bombed by Japanese naval planes on June 12. Defence equipment and motorized transport units in and near the city of Taiho were bombed and damaged. Anti-aircraft fire was met from the southern sector of the city.

Separate units attacked the Chinese positions near the mouth of the Oukiang River, the forts and barracks at Chingpimen in southern Chingling Province on June 10, inflicting heavy losses on them.—Domei.

Japanese Planes Raid Foochow

Foochow, June 14.

The oil depot of the Texaco Oil Co. in the southern suburbs of Foochow was reported to have been damaged when six Japanese planes staged a raid early yesterday morning.

Two other Japanese planes flew up the Min River, machine-gunning Shanghai.

Changmen experienced a hectic day yesterday. Four raids were staged over the city. Four planes took part in the first raid and six machines each in the second, third and fourth raids. More than fifty bombs were dropped indiscriminately.—Central News.

Hunan Towns Bombed

Milio, Hunan, June 14.

Thirty-six Japanese planes flew into west Hunan yesterday afternoon. Half of them attacked Changchi, releasing fifty bombs, while the other half headed for Taoyuan, where they dropped more than forty bombs.—Central News.

Former Foreign Minister Wounded

Chungking, June 14.

Pao Kuan-chang, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Manchukuo, was wounded in a bomb explosion in a theatre in Chungking on the Yangtze River, 43 miles east of Nanking, on June 3, states a Shanghai report.

Pao recently returned to Chungking, his native place, from Manchuria. He was entertained by Japanese and puppet officials at a dinner party and then invited to see a play at Ta Wu Tai theatre.

A bomb suddenly exploded near his seat, wounding him in the left arm. Several other Japanese and "puppet" officials were also injured. Japanese soldiers and police arrested more than 30 suspects on the spot. The following day a house-to-house search was conducted in the town.—Central News.

Railway Bridge Dynamited

Chungking, June 14.

No. 31 bridge on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway was dynamited on the night of June 10 by Chinese guerrillas, according to a Shanghai report. Japanese troops rushed to the spot engaged in a brief encounter with the guerrillas.—Central News.

Wrecked Planes Found

Chungking, June 14.

The wreckage of two of the Japanese planes brought down by Chinese anti-aircraft fire during the raid on Chungking on June 11 has been found. One of the wrecked machines was located in the suburb of Chungking and another in Changshou on the Yangtze River below Chungking.—Central News.

Kiangsi Towns Raided

Kian, June 14.

Kian and Kanchien, Kiangsi towns, were again raided by Japanese planes yesterday.

Six machines attacked Kanchien. Four bombs were dropped in the outskirts, inflicting more than ten casualties and wrecking a number of civilian houses.

Nine machines flew over Kian where they released more than ten bombs. Some ten civilians were killed and wounded.—Central News.

Fighting In North Hunan

Pingliang, Hunan, June 14.

Chinese forces attacked Lushukang, Hsiang and Lungwankiao on the north bank of the Sinsiang River south of Yoyang, on Monday morning. They occupied the heights south of Lushukang and Lungwankiao.

Japanese counter-attacks in the afternoon were repulsed.—Central News.

2,000 Japanese Casualties

Loyang, June 14.

The Japanese "mopping up" campaign in Shantung has met with reverses. Japanese troops converging on Mengyin, important town in central Shantung, have suffered over 2,000 casualties.

Kekhouchen, north of Lin in south Shantung, has been regained by the Chinese.—Central News.

Chinese Victory

Sian, June 14.

In an encounter in the villages north of Pinglu on the north bank of the Yellow River in south Shantung, Chinese troops killed more than 300 Japanese, and captured four mountain guns, a trench mortar and three machine-guns.—Central News.

Staff College For Guerilla Leaders

Chungking, June 14.

One thousand young men and women are receiving training in Hunan in guerrilla warfare tactics to be leaders of mobile units operating behind Japanese lines.

They are divided into seven companies. The first four are composed entirely of regular army officers picked to lead future guerrilla activities behind the enemy lines. The remaining three companies are made up of students and political workers, both men and women.

During their three months' training, they are taught military science, guerrilla tactics, political work, espionage and counter-espionage, and the Japanese language. Special lectures on international affairs, political theory, economics, and party principles are also given.

After their graduation, they will be sent to places behind Japanese lines where they will lead guerrilla activities in close co-operation with Chinese regular troops. The purpose of this class is to bring about better co-ordination between the two branches of the fighting service. The graduates will be sent to their native provinces and districts in order to secure the maximum efficiency in their work.—Central News.

Increased Sugar Quota Proposed

London, June 13.

The International Sugar Council discussed an executive proposal to increase the British Colonial quota to 153,265 metric tons; one method of meeting the shortage. The Council then adjourned until Wednesday without issuing any communique.

It is understood that part of the Cuban delegation is strongly opposed on the grounds that the Cuban available surplus is adequate to meet the situation. It is believed that Great Britain might rally sufficient support to secure the necessary three fifths majority.—United Press.

Stock Exchange Report

London, June 13.

An early weakness on the Stock Exchange was followed by a rally which imparted a steeper closing tone throughout.

Kaffirs, however, opened exceptionally firm and subsequently were further strengthened on Cape, Paris and local buying.

Glittered securities and home rails recovered the majority of their initial losses.

Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

Buckner Case: Accused Protests Innocence

NEW YORK, June 13.

THE FRAUD case against William Buckner and Sr. Buenacino has again been delayed. An official of the District Attorney's office said that the selection of the jury would start next Wednesday.

Sr. Buenacino told the United Press, "On the eve of the trial, I am innocent of any friends that desire to retaliate to any wrong-doing in this case. When I learned that my name had been mentioned in connection with this matter, I immediately came to the United States voluntarily, without request and without process, at my own expense, travelling some 14,000 miles.

"I am ready to answer any charge that may be laid against me and I am confident that I shall be acquitted and exonerated in every respect."—United Press.

German- Japanese Trade Pact

BERLIN, June 14.

WELL informed circles here state that the new German-Japanese trade treaty will be signed in Berlin early in July.

They state that the Japanese Ambassador to Rome is at present in Berlin, carrying on conversations with the Japanese Ambassador to Berlin.—United Press.

"Good Mother Paul" H.K. MASS IN HER MEMORY

"I strongly feel that she is not in need of our prayers, but we must give her the joy of knowing that we remember her." These words were spoken by the Rt. Rev. Bishop H. Valtorta in the course of a brief panegyric this morning in eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Mother Paul—who died in France recently.

The panegyric was delivered at the French Convent Chapel on the occasion of a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mother Paul, who was in Hongkong for 18 years, first as Superior of St. Paul's Hospital and later as Provincial of the Community of St. Paul, when she combined both offices. Evidence of the love and esteem which she won here was contained in the large attendance of religious and lay.

The Very Rev. Fr. L. Virendelet, General Precursor of the French Mission, was celebrant, with the Rev. Fr. A. Vignal as Deacon and the Rev. Fr. Moreau as Sub-Deacon. The Very Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada was Master of Ceremonies. The attending religious included the Precursor of the Dominicans (Rev. Fr. Novati), Fathers Byrne and Kelly (Jesuits), brothers from La Salle and St. Joseph's College, priests from the French Mission, and sisters of many orders. The Bishop presided.

At the close of the Mass the Bishop pronounced the final absolution over a catafalque reposing before the altar. This absolution and benediction was pronounced according to custom, in the place where the deceased person laboured, and even though Mother Paul died in France the presence of her body was represented this morning by a draped coffin surrounded by palms and lighted around by eight tall candles.

Bishop's Tribute

In his panegyric Bishop Valtorta said it was right and just that they should gather to pray for Mother Paul. It was not so much an obligation of charity, but a strict duty of justice and of gratitude. The Reverend Mother had lived, worked, and suffered in Hongkong, even after being stricken by the illness which was to take her life. The Chapel in which they were assembled, built in her time and at her instigation, was a monument to her faith and deep affection of all who knew her. On her return to France she continued to live for them in prayer, offering to God her sufferings on behalf of the institutions she had left in Hongkong.

Concluding, he said: "Let us pay to her this debt of justice and gratitude and pray for her. I strongly feel that she is not in need of our prayers, but we must give her the joy of knowing that we remember her. But we know that only the absolutely stainless can enter Heaven. So let us, following the pious custom of the Catholic Church, pray for her soul, and let us also, following her example offer to God our sufferings."

Mass Sung By Orphans

An interesting feature of the Mass was that it was sung by a choir of about 50 sisters and Chinese orphans, conducted by Sister Henry and accompanied by Sister Mary Patrick. The children sang with easy confidence—yet every word of the Latin liturgy had to be taught to them orally.

Rev. Mother Saint Xavier, Superior Provincial, and the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres of the Causeway Bay Convent record their thanks to those who responded to their appeal to attend the Mass and pray for the repose of Mother Paul.

PARIS, June 13.—Sultan Sidi Mohammed of Morocco arrived in Marseilles on Tuesday with his family to make a lengthy stay in France in residences put at his disposal by the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

Chinese Claim Victory Scored In South Shansi

THE MONEY IN THE ZOO

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the menus of snakes and other tropical creatures.



Even the water for the aquarium has to be brought specially from the Bay of Biscay. For some strange reason, artificial sea water is useless, even though it is perfect as far as its chemical composition is concerned. Fish that were placed in artificial sea water first went blind, and then died.

The experts now declare that real sea water contains mysterious elements, equivalent to our vitamins, which the scientist cannot introduce no matter how much he tries.

The other important item is, of course, the purchase of the animals themselves. Usually, the Zoo keeps up its stock of exhibits by a system of exchange with other zoos. But animals have to be bought, too, and at prices asked for the rare species. Ming, the baby Giant Panda, cost the Zoo £800, but this amazing creature has proved one of the greatest bargains ever.

Ming has drawn such extra crowds that she is reckoned to have paid for herself already. Some elephants, too, are paying propositions. One is reputed to have earned the Zoo some £5,000 during the years in which its broad back has carried many thousands of passengers.

But there is another side to the picture. A few weeks ago death deprived the Zoo of Mukiri, a female bonobo, which was valued at £200. Yet this rare animal probably attracted less attention than a monkey costing £3, and there are many other rare exhibits sharing the same meagre publicity.

Now add to these bills the cost of fuel for keeping delicate animals warm, the money that has to be expended on maintenance and upkeep of the various buildings, and the immense variety of other items which immediately spring to mind. It is not difficult to see that, taking everything into consideration, the Zoo does very well to provide such a show on a yearly income of £113,000.

"IF ONLY WE CAN STAY NEUTRAL..."

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pasture, thousands of miles of forest land, cheap electric power from the rolling rivers, and small populations.

All three countries, Estonia especially, are fine holiday countries for English people.

There are fine sandy beaches, safe bathing, grandiose pine forests; good eating and drinking—and a little nervousness. Nerves on edge because of the attractiveness of the country to a nation lacking the eggs and the milk and the butter which are here in superabundance.

Now across the Baltic to Helsingfors, capital of Finland, which has an area of 149,586 square miles and a population of less than 4,000,000. Please do not think of this capital as a wooden village in the back of beyond. It is a great modern city.

Sweden, I find, is quietly putting her house in order in case the Baltic storm breaks. I was interested to learn that her Foreign Minister taught himself Finnish so as to speak more easily with his opposite number in Helsingfors.

Norway, like her neighbours, gets ready while hoping for the best. No fear anywhere on the northern shores of the Baltic, but quiet preparation.

Yet, whether it be on the northern shores or on the southern side of the Baltic—but more particularly on the northern side—eyes turn to Great Britain and her sea power. It is a legend grown out of the never-forgotten past.

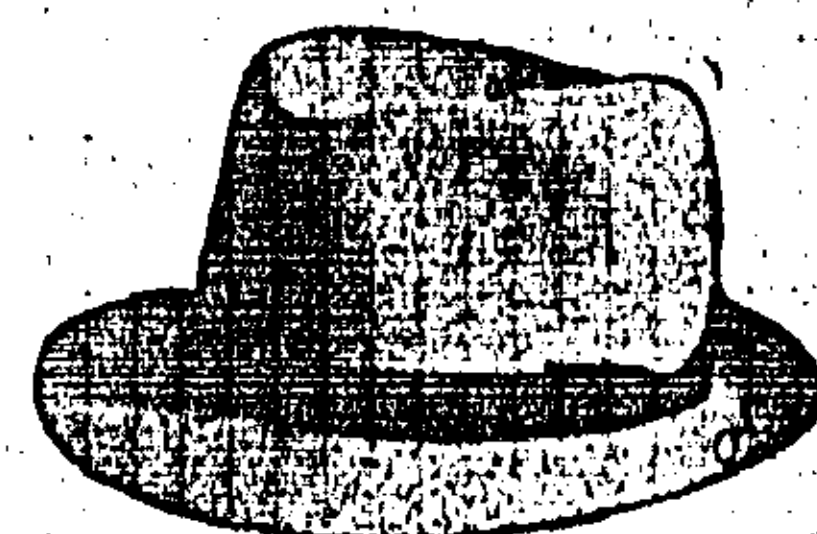
Jutland, remember, was a battle fought in the very near neighbourhood.

Polish Economic Mission

Warsaw, June 13.

The Polish economic mission headed by the former Finance Minister, left for London to discuss the question of financial co-operation between Poland and Britain.—Reuter Bulletin.

LONDON, June 13.—The death has occurred of Mr. A. H. B. G. (Harry) Symington, a partner of Symington and Wilson, well-known firm of rubber brokers.—Reuter.



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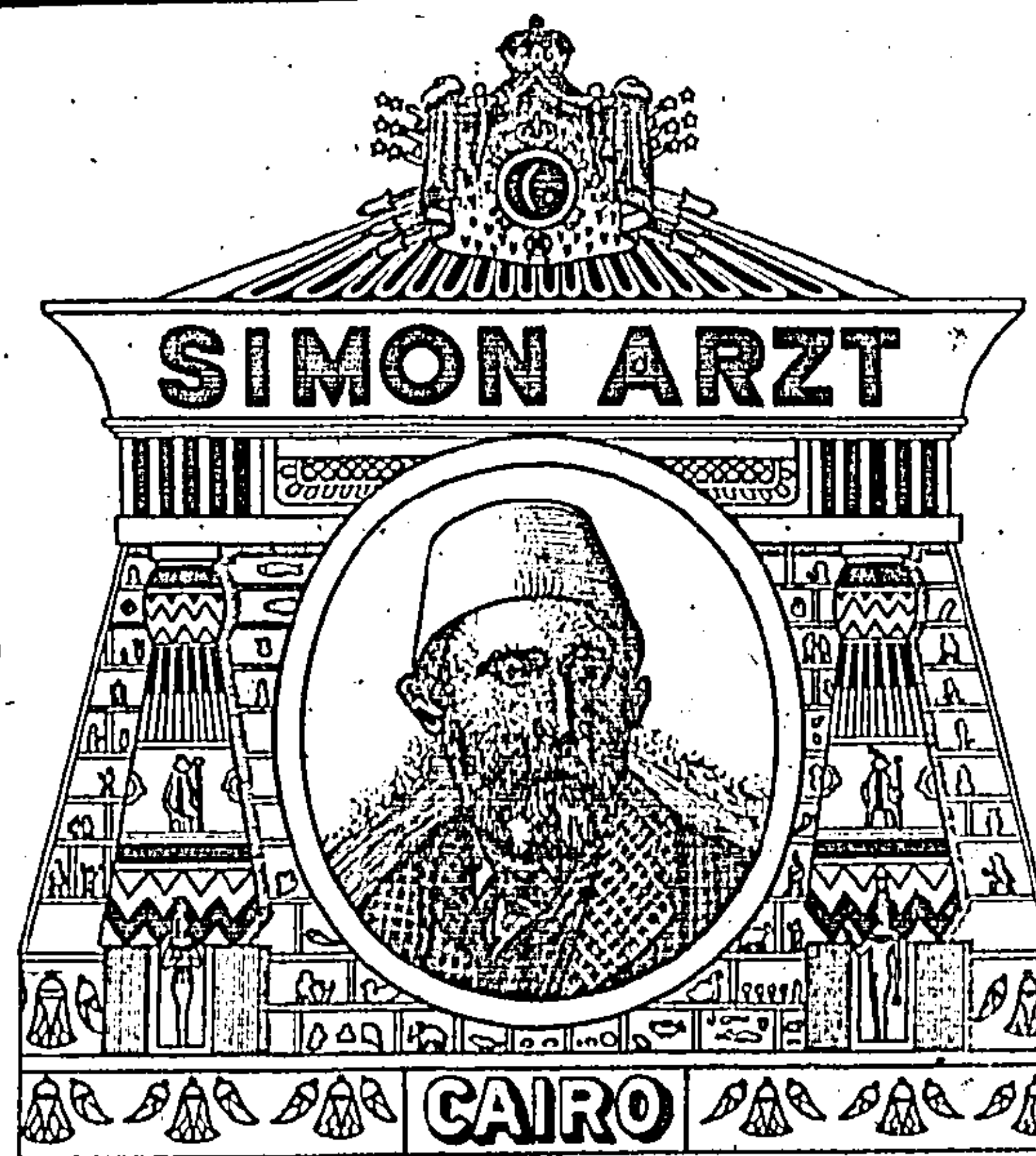
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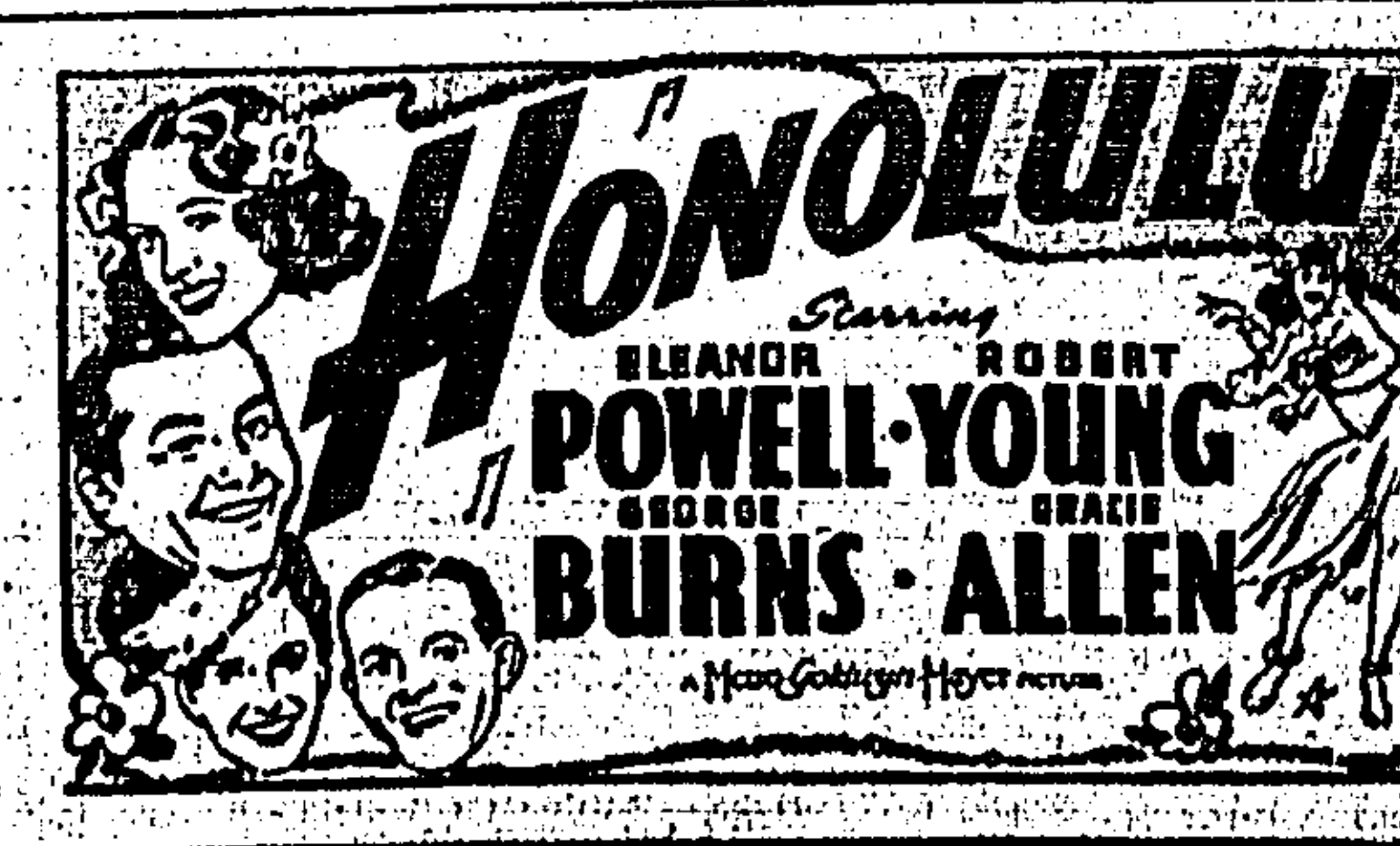
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ANOTHER CROP OF CENTURIES IN COUNTY CRICKET

BUT ONLY FOUR ELEVENS WIN TIES OUTRIGHT WEST INDIES TOURISTS FORTUNATE AT DERBY

Another crop of centuries was produced in the County Cricket Championship programme concluded yesterday, a feature being the number of centuries who remained undefeated. Of the eight matches played in the championship, only four ended in definite results, the other four being won only on first innings.

As already reported, Yorkshire and Gloucester won by an innings over Middlesex and Essex respectively, the matches taking only two days. Surrey and Kent also completed their fixtures yesterday by beating Sussex and Leicestershire respectively, each by nine wickets.

Lancashire declared twice in an attempt to force a win against Nottingham but had to be content with the points on first innings. After scoring 141 in reply to Hampshire's total of 304, Warwickshire made a good recovery in the follow-on, which realised 400 for five wickets.

The West Indies tourists were in a bad way against Derbyshire, but managed to hold out to a draw. At close of play the tourists were still 95 runs behind with only four wickets to fall.

Results and details of matches are cabled by Reuter.

LEADING PERFORMERS
The following were the leading performers in the programme just concluded:

BATTING	
Gibbons (Worcester) v. Northants	222*
Dal Davies (Gloucester) v. Somerset	210
Leyland (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex	180*
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex	176
Dollery (Warwickshire) v. Hampshire	170
Oldfield (Lancashire) v. Nottingham	147*
Smart (Gloucester) v. Somerset	141
Palmer (Worcester) v. Northants	132
Prentice (Leicester) v. Kent	112
Holt (Hampshire) v. Warwickshire	115
Brookes (Northants) v. Worcester	111*
Nutter (Lancashire) v. Nottingham	109*
Arnold (Hampshire) v. Warwickshire	109
Fishlock (Surrey) v. Sussex	107*
Foster (Kent) v. Leicestershire	107
Ord (Warwickshire) v. Hampshire	105*
Welch (Free Foresters) v. Cambridge	104
Emmett (Gloucester) v. Essex	99

* Denotes Not Out

BOWLING	
Copson (Derby) v. West Indies	6 for 73
Bowes (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex	4 for 20



Herbert Sutcliffe still going strong despite his age.

dilex (Gloucester) v. Somerset	5 for 20
Lambert (Gloucester) v. Somerset	5 for 44
Pollard (Lancashire) v. Nottingham	5 for 54
Verity (Yorkshire) v. Middlesex	4 for 17
and	4 for 20

RESULTS IN BRIEF

The following were the results of matches in the programme concluded yesterday:
Lancashire (403 for 4 decd. and 130 for 4 decd.) beat Nottingham (316 and 22 for 0) on first innings.
Surrey (354 and 221 for 1) beat Sussex (205 and 309) by nine wickets.
Hampshire (304) beat Warwickshire (141 and 490 for 5) on first innings.
Worcester (646 for 6 decd.) beat Northants (311 and 218 for 6) on first innings.
Kent (385 and 138 for 1) beat Leicestershire (201 and 231) by nine wickets.
Gloucester (574 for 7) beat Somerset (385) on first innings.
Yorkshire (430 for 6 decd.) beat Middlesex (62 and 122) by an innings and 240 runs.
Gloucester (425) beat Essex (150 and 182) by an innings and 93 runs.
Derby (309 and 104) drew with West Indies (204 and 54 for 0).
Cambridge (339) drew with Free Foresters (287 and 202 for 3).

Here And There With "Abe"

Organised Baseball's 100th Anniversary

ORGANISED baseball in the United States celebrated its centenary on Monday when, according to United Press, "baseball's" blizzards, heroes of the past and present, and 15,000 spectators gathered at Cooperstown to do the game honour. Since Abner Doubleday, a cadet at West Point Military Academy, drew up the first crude rules and laid out a field for the first game of baseball, played by his former schoolmates at Cooperstown Classical and Military Academy, Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1839, the game has become popular in every part of the world. I cannot find any reference as to when it was first played in Hongkong, but it must have been many many years ago. As a matter of fact, I think baseball was more popular in the Colony in the 20's than it seems to be now. It is difficult to account for it, but 15 or 16 years ago there were more teams participating in the League than there are now. The game took a long time to catch on in England where it was not very popular at first, but it has now come to stay, with baseball clubs springing up all over the country. The Japanese, of course, are great enthusiasts and it is only to be expected that the Filipinos took to the game like ducks to water.

Fabulous Salaries

As in the case of cricket and soccer in England, the leading baseball players in the United States are professionals. But unlike cricket and soccer stars in the Home Country who, even the best of them, have fixed scales of pay, the top-ranking baseball players of America can virtually command their own salaries. They hold out for, and some of them get fees which must make the mouths of many English cricket and soccer stars water. Imagine getting U.S. \$30,000 or \$40,000 for a season of baseball! Now take the case of the 22 players in a recent international soccer match at Hampden Park, between England and Scotland which attracted a crowd of close on 150,000. Each of these players received £8 which who wouldn't be a baseball star?

History of Game

ALEXANDER J. Cartwright sponsored the first baseball club, the Knickerbockers of New York, which was organised on September 13, 1845, the club accepting Cartwright's diamond and rules, an improvement over those of Doubleday. The first game between two teams was played at Hongkong, N.Y., June 15, 1846, with the score New York Nine, 23; Knickerbockers, 1. Twenty-one or more "aces" later runs, then won a game. The Knickerbockers were the first club to use uniforms. Wearing blue trousers, white shirts and straw hats, they defeated Washington Club of Yorkville, 21 to 11, in eight innings, June 3, 1851. The Knickerbockers also won the first team to appear in a two-column box-score, the New York Clipper of July 10, 1853, recording Knickerbockers (21), Gotham (12), in the game of July 5. The first organisation in baseball was the National Association of Baseball Players, formed at a New York convention, March 10, 1858. The Association adopted most of Cartwright's rules, but made the game nine innings, with the team having the most runs at the end of that time being the winner.

Game Spreads

THE Excelsors of Brooklyn were the first club to make a tour, visiting Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and Troy in July, 1860. The Civil War gave great impetus to the game, which spread like wildfire through both blue and gray ranks. The sport continued to grow after the war, Alfred J. Reach of Brooklyn was the first professional player, being engaged to play for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1867. The first complete professional team was the famous Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869, ten men drawing \$4,500. The team won 65 games, tied one, lost none.



Can You guess who this is? He is in unfamiliar guise, but some of you may recognise Jean Borotra, the famous French star. The former Davis Cup player is now an artillery captain, photographed at a dinner given in honour of the French Army officers who were visiting London last month.

Fenske Beats All Rivals In Mile Race

Memphis, Tenn., May 13.
Chuck Fenske marked up one on the books to-day—a defeat of Glenn Cunningham, Archie San Romani and Don Lash, three of the country's leading milers.

The smooth stepping Fenske, from the University of Wisconsin but running unattached, took the featured mile in the Cotton Carnival's track meet last night.

With a burst of speed in the stretch, Fenske moved past Cunningham, and passed San Romani to win by a yard. Cunningham, also unattached, finished third, followed by Lash, Indiana State policeman, and William Southworth, Butler University.

The time was 4m. 11.5s, a tenth of a second under the meet record. The tireless Lash showed plenty of stamina by taking the two-mile event 30 minutes later in 9m. 32.8s. He bested Tommy Deckard, a former teammate at Indiana University.

DOUBLE WIN
Perrin Walker of Oglethorpe University turned in the only double win, setting a new 100-yard dash mark for the meet at 9.8s and winning the 220 in 21.0.

Other new meet records included a discus throw of 153.9 feet by Haviland of Illinois, a javelin—loss of 197ft., 11in. by Young of Vanderbilt and a high jump of 5ft. 4 1/2 in. shared by Horn of Alabama and Dieffenhauer of Illinois.

Purdue won team honours with 27 points. Illinois was close behind with 26 points, followed by Oklahoma and M. with 19 and Alabama with 17.

Alterations In Royal Hunt Cup

London, June 13.
The following are the alterations in the Royal Hunt Cup probable:

Jones rides Zoltan, Maher rides Mickle Bulger, Buchanan rides Belmal, Mulling rides Rose Town, Blue Star, Chelsea Reach, Flying Star and Hussion have been withdrawn.—Reuter.

WHITCOMBE CRASHES IN GOLF CHALLENGE TIE WITH BOB LOCKE

Gained Early Lead But Lost By Six And Five

By F. J. C. Pignon

London, June 2.

Bobby Locke, South African champion, beat Reginald Whitcombe, British open champion, by six up and five to play in an international challenge match for £1,000 yesterday on the Coombe Hill course, Surrey.

Czech Player Wants To Be U.S. Citizen

Hecht Taking Out New Papers

New York.
American tennis probably has fallen permanently heir to Ladislav Hecht, the former Czech Davis Cup star and one of the world's most promising young players.

Hecht came over as a member of the Czech delegation to the World's Fair, just before his homeland was taken over by Germany. Now he considers himself a refugee and intends to apply for American citizenship.

The country's tennis officials, faced with a famine of topnotch talent for the approaching season since Don Budge turned professional, have welcomed Hecht with open arms and he already has promised to play in every important event of the summer, including the National championships at Forest Hills. He is not, of course, eligible to play on the American Davis Cup Team.

In a recent practice match Hecht had little difficulty defeating Berkeley Bell, the professional, 6-4, 6-4, and he was far too good for Helen Wills, Moody.

BRITISH DRIVER BREAKS 3 MORE WORLD RECORDS

London, June 1.
Major Gardner broke the world records for one mile, one kilometre, and five kilometres, all from a flying start, in the International Class F (1,500 c.c. class) on the Bitterfield-Dessau autobahn to-day.

The records are:
One mile—203.8 m.p.h.
One kilometre—204.2 m.p.h.
Five kilometres—200.6 m.p.h.

The previous records were: One mile—164 m.p.h. (the late Frank Lockhart); One kilometre—148.2 m.p.h. (G. Fumman); Five kilometres—139.5 m.p.h. (L. Duray).

Major Gardner drove the same car which he used when he broke three world records on Wednesday, with the engine rebored.

ATHLETIC RECORDS BEATEN: STARTING BLOCKS AT WEMBLEY

By Dark Blue

London, May 15.

Several new records were set up and others equalled at the A.A.A.s annual indoor championships at the Empire Pool, Wembley, last night, when for the first time in the history of athletic competition in this country starting blocks were used for the sprint races.

B. Giles (R.A.F.) won the first of the men's flat races to be decided, the 70 yds. sprint, but one's sympathies must go to T. A. C. Scatchell (Southgate), who had beaten Giles in the second round in which he injured himself and so could not compete in the final.

D. L. Finlay was a non-starter in the 70-yards hurdles because of an ankle damaged at football.

The title went rather unexpectedly to T. L. Lockton (Achilles) after a great race with F. V. Scopes (Achilles) who led most of the way, but was beaten in the run in.

A DISAPPOINTMENT

A big disappointment occurred in the 880 yards. Everybody wanted to see how A. G. K. Brown would be suited by running on wood, and he had not long to wait. Brown dropped out in the third lap, but he took part in the ten-laps relay race later in the evening.

The holder, A. C. Pettit, lost his title to G. F. Morris (Thames Valley).

D. B. Lock twice broke the record in the 60-metres for women. She was in a class by herself.

B. Reid also set up new figures in the women's putting the weight, as did E. Forster in the five-laps race.

The meeting was of special significance for the women's Amateur Athletic Association were present looking for likely candidates for the Olympic Games.

Although this was only the third year since the 880 yards championship had been included, the 1937

time of 2min. 3.3sec. was broken twice.
A. C. Pettit, a City of London policeman athlete and holder, returned 3min. 3sec., but a Watford railway clerk, and British half-mile champion, A. J. Collyer, bettered this, doing half a second quicker than the 1937 time at 2min. 2.8sec.

MEN'S EVENTS

70 Yards Hurdles—T. L. Lockton (Achilles A.C.), 11.1; F. V. Scopes (Achilles A.C.), 11.2; A. J. Collyer (Watford R.F.C.), 11.3.
10 Yards Sprint—B. Giles (R.A.F.), 1.1; A. W. Masters (Metropolitan A.C.), 1.2; H. L. Evans (Millers A.C.), 1.3; time 1.5sec.

80 Yards Hurdles—T. L. Lockton (Achilles A.C.), 11.1; F. V. Scopes (Achilles A.C.), 11.2; A. J. Collyer (Watford R.F.C.), 11.3.
10 Yards Sprint—B. Giles (R.A.F.), 1.1; A. W. Masters (Metropolitan A.C.), 1.2; H. L. Evans (Millers A.C.), 1.3; time 1.5sec.

880 Yards—G. F. Morris (Thames Valley H.F.C.), 1.1; A. C. Pettit (City of London A.C.), 1.2; A. J. Collyer (Watford R.F.C.), 1.3.
1 Mile—A. C. Pettit (City of London A.C.), 4.1; A. J. Collyer (Watford R.F.C.), 4.2; A. W. Masters (Metropolitan A.C.), 4.3; time 4.5sec.

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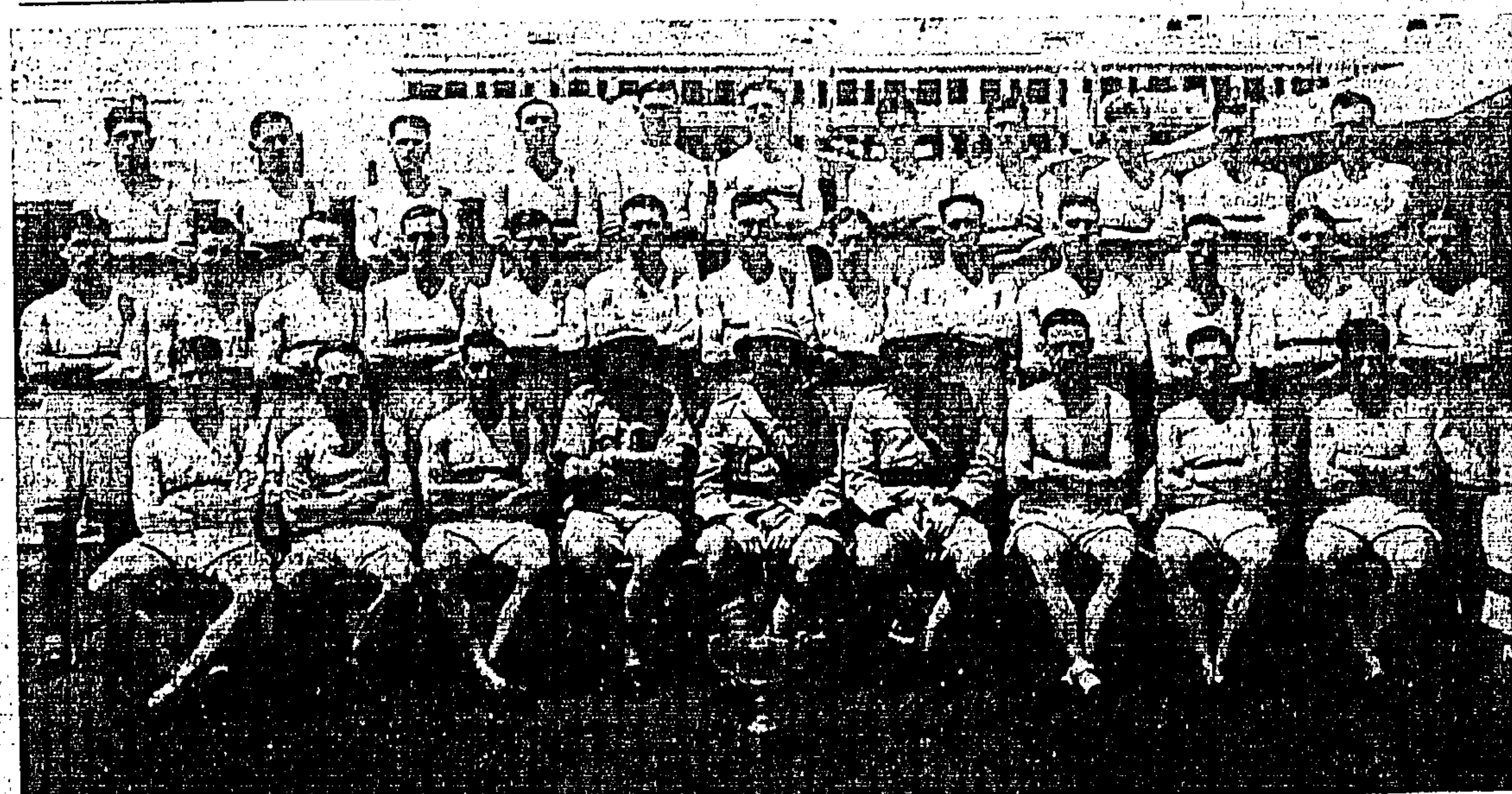


Photo of the Inter-Unit Athletic Championships team of 1938-39, winners of the Inter-Unit Athletic Championships. Back row (left to right)—L/cpl. Barker, Pte. Dunne, L/cpl. Bowker, L/cpl. Goodall, L/cpl. Merton, Pte. Goodman, L/cpl. McGrady, Pte. Williams, Pte. Shaw, Corp. Hardy, L/cpl. Burbridge, Middle Row—Pte. Hymas, Dmr. Onalov, L/cpl. Poole, Pte. Bloomfield, L/cpl. Bates, Pte. Berry, Pte. Lever, Corp. Pace, L/cpl. Hobson, L/cpl. Wooley, L/cpl. Perrin, L/cpl. Matthews, Pte. Bladen, Front Row—L/cpl. Dikens, Corp. Ellis, Sergt. Poulter, P. S. M. Donovan, Lt. Col. L. A. Newnam, Capt. H. Marsh, Adj. M.O. P. S. M. Ramsey, L/cpl. Illcock, and L/cpl. Noble—Ming Yuen.

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This lovely evening gown, designed by Mainbocher of Paris, is fashioned in black silk crepe and black lace. Large yellow roses are pinned in front. The gown reflects the mode shown at the International Lace Fashion Show recently in Bermuda.

Choose Chiffon or Lace For Dancing

MUSICIANS are the fashion. Not only do orchestra leaders marry into the Social Register but Registerites go musical or to no end of pains to give balls and benefits for the less fortunate among the profession.

One of the loveliest of these parties in the grand manner of Mayfair and Great Waltz balls—yes, quite as gorgeous as that—was given at the Ritz Carlton—an evening of romantic Strauss waltzes and equally romantic costumes. For instance, Mrs. Edward P. Childs wore an Elizabeth Hawes model designed especially for the occasion as the "ideal waltz gown." Of honey coloured, chiffon with gold flower corsage, diagonally draped bodice and inch-wide shoulder straps, its skirt was ample enough for the movement of the dance.

LACE FOR THE WALTZ

Debutante Joyce Ward flattered her pale gold hair and sun-tanned complexion with a full-skirted green organza bandied with satin and the exotic Mrs. Frederick B. Payne, who always accents her oriental type, carried a unique white flower fan. Her gown was of white lace with black velvet bows tied on the shoulders. Incidentally, velvet ribbon, usually either black, French blue or cherry, is much in evidence these nights.

Now then, Mrs. Vincent Astor, active in so many ways, gave a tea at home recently for those interested in her mammoth benefit for the Musicians Emergency Fund. She received in a demure gray dress with soft white lingerie touches at neckline and wrist. Later that night I again saw Mrs. Astor playing hostess at a large hotel. She was then wearing a lovely soft gown in powder blue chiffon with matching lace.

CLASSIC IN CREPE

On that occasion Mrs. Winthrop Gardner, also dining there, was in one of those classic statue draped gowns in milk white crepe, a type of dress that is being chosen by women who prefer classic line to crinolines and frothy effects.

The Duchess of Westminster, also among those present on this particular night, was also wearing white, her dress being chiffon with inserts of black Chantilly lace. And here

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SHE seldom changes her plans, always makes clear the date of her arrival and the date of her departure. (This does help in a small and busy house.)

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If she has a dog of her own she always asks beforehand if she may bring it with her instead of calmly arriving with it.

SHE indicates its breed and sex, its little foibles—such as well as good—and its opinion of cats and children, so that her hostess is well prepared.

SHE doesn't behave like a convalescent the first few days just because she had a tiring journey.

SHE is courteous to the servants; she doesn't keep them running errands, nor give orders nor expect them to give the service of a personal maid.

SHE doesn't spoil the children, although it's very easy for "Auntie" to amuse the "little darlings"

(and incidentally, herself) and forget that their life (and their mother's) must go on when she's gone.

SHE doesn't make numerous telephone calls and forget to pay before leaving—it's surprising how these calls add up.

SHE doesn't suggest outings that host and hostess can't afford; nor use the house as a centre of rest in between her own outside amusements.

SHE doesn't leave cigarette ash in the bedclothes if she smokes in bed, or read half the night with all the lights full on.

SHE conveniently goes for a walk when the rooms are obviously upside-down, or tactfully asks her hostess if she lend a hand in tidying them.

SHE realises that even a one-day stay is worth a little note of "Safely arrived and thank you for a lovely time." For which thought alone she deserves to be starred as the guest her hostess wants to invite again.

SHORT CUTS

A gummy cake with a tendency to fall usually indicates that too much sugar was used.

Paper, dollies and napkins are inexpensive and save laundry. The family will enjoy eating picnic style in summer.

Stale cake makes a good cottage pudding. Cut away all frosting from cake; arrange in slices on individual plates and pour hot lemon sauce over it.

For the sickroom: Use an old clock, with the hands set for the time medicine is next to be taken.

Simple hors-d'oeuvres consist of mashed Roquefort cheese blended with tomato ketchup, spread on crisp potato chips.

Custard will not separate if placed in a pan of water while baking.

But this one won't be asked a second time

SHE arrived in her town clothes, thus giving her hostess the impression that it was too much bother to change specially for the visit; and she brought only high-heeled shoes that ruled out all possibility of country walks and country sports.

SHE said she disliked animals, gave dogs with muddy paws disdainful looks, and indicated that she would like them shut out of the room at meal-times.

SHE is utterly uninterested in gardens, declared she wouldn't be seen dead with a trowel in her hand, and hinted that to walk round with her hostess to look at the flowers would be just too much effort.

SHE lolled back in a chair with a book most of the day—didn't put herself out to be sociable with her hostess, and showed no enthusiasm for any suggestions made for her own entertainment.

SHE declared that she couldn't sleep in the country because the quietness is overpowering and frightening. She liked breakfast in bed, and lay back among the pillows so that all the morning's housework was held up.

SHE said that she felt like some long-lost hermit without any electric light, that log fires were "smelly," and that to be without the telephone was the last word.

SHE talked about what a lovely time she had at Mrs. So-and-so's last week-end . . . how delightful it was in town . . . that she had a divine dinner-party the week-end before that . . . that there was just a heap of things crying for her attention at home.

SHE treated the house as an hotel, coming in to meals only when she pleased, going out all day with her own friends, and frequently brought a crowd of them back to a meal without a word to her hostess.

SHE kept on delaying the day of her departure, in spite of these words, and overstay her welcome by many days, then suddenly one morning announced her intention of returning by a train at noon, and so at the last minute upset the plans her hostess had made for a whole day trip, as the family had to stay at home to see her off.

HER parting words were a casual "Good-bye, it has been a pleasant week-end, if only it hadn't rained." And from that day to this her hostess has never heard a word from her—and is not particularly sorry.

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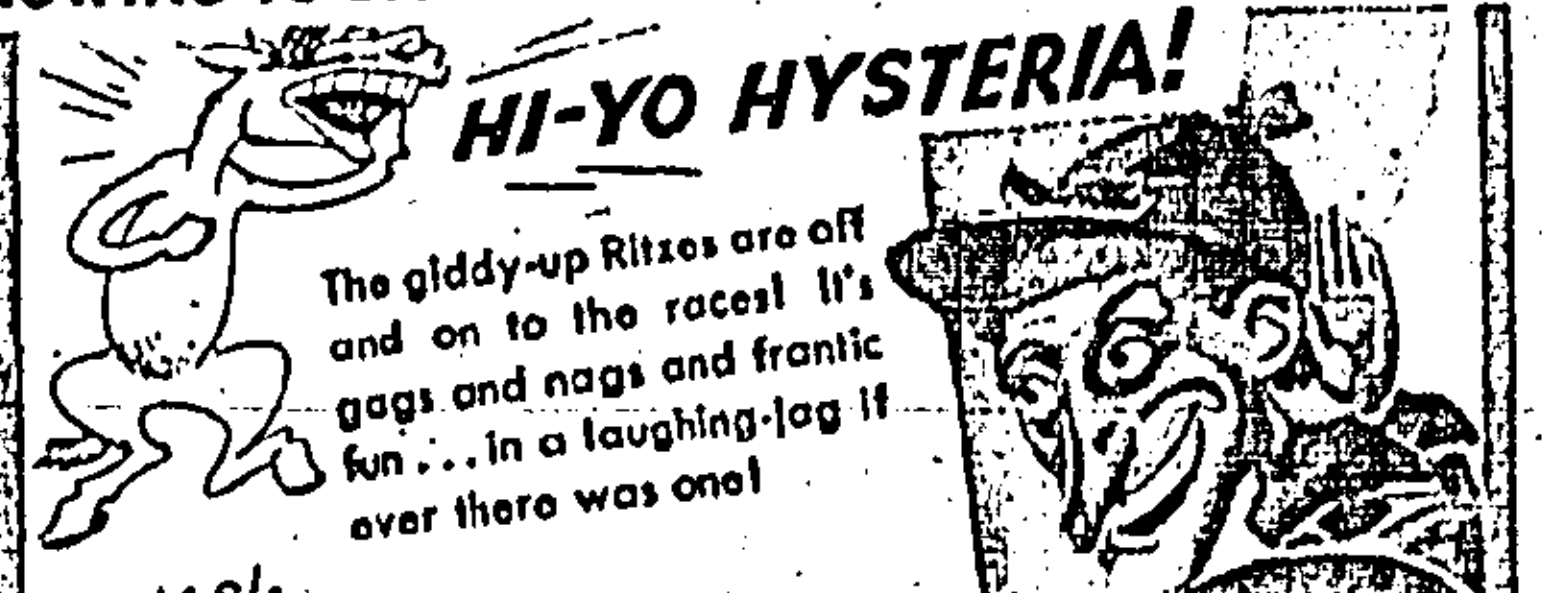
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LETTERS

In Defence Of The Schoolboys

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.
Sir,—Your morning contemporary has seen fit to launch into a bitter diatribe in denunciation of the action of local students objecting to the appointment of a prefect. The statements of the Headmaster having been reported at length, a prominent citizen having been hastily called in to expostulate with the obstreperous ones, ecclesiastical intervention sought and dire threats of "Government action" (!) obscuroly hinted at, it is not within the bounds of possibility that there is something to be said on the side of the less articulate—though heavy artillery? Is our sense of proportion atrophied and are our risible faculties benumbed?

I have been given to understand that the students have stated their case in writing and forwarded it to the local press, and that this attempt to justify their action has been entirely ignored. Possibly their English was not up to high-brow standard, but it could scarcely have been worse than many of the puerile, fantastic effusions which, unhappily, find their way into the correspondence columns of at least one local newspaper. I trust that, in common fairness, the "Hongkong Telegraph" will be sufficiently unbiased, and possibly courageous enough, to state this case for the defence.

I am told—I do not vouch for its truth—that the nominee of the headmaster, and persona non grata to the students is a Japanese (though passing under a Chinese name) born in Formosa; at all events, whatever his nationality, it seems an undisputed fact that the nominee is distinctly and openly of Japanese sympathies. When it is remembered that a large proportion of the D.B.S. students are in Hongkong simply on account of enemy activities; that some at least have had relatives killed and injured, property destroyed, family life annihilated, can it remain a matter of surprise that they object to be under the entirely unnecessary domination of one who is either of Japanese nationality or of Japanese sympathies—probably both?

I am told that more than one deputation waited upon the Headmaster, at which the students' delegates courteously explained their objections. What special or unique qualifications had this particular boy for the post? Were there no others available, whose appointment would have avoided infinite trouble, heart-burning, injustice and ridicule, threats. The striking students know that they may be heavily penalised by their action; may lose the benefit of a year's work, may be barred from the Matriculation examination. Is it to be supposed that they blindly incurred such risks without believing in the justice of their requests, and without deep and fundamental sentiments—sentiments cannot always be safely ignored. When the assistance of a leading citizen has to be invoked, the power of the press beguiled to threaten "Government action" and a cowardly suggestion given that the patriotism of the boys should debar them from entry to other schools (should they wish to enter) the case seems to smelt of distasteful dilution, filtered, emaciated Prussianism; of the obstinacy of the weak-natured; not of the noble-minded who can graciously acknowledge an error made. Would the dignity of the school authorities have been fatally undermined had they ceded a point and nominated a youth acceptable alike to students and staff?

Patriotism is a fine thing—some of the most gallant deeds of the world have been performed under its influence. Unhappily this great quality seems now to be allowed undisputed sway only among more virile nations than we—more's the pity—have become. The crass, impossible abnormality of "neutrality" is everywhere encouraged and exhorted to raise its miserable, craven head; all feelings of burning hatred of injustice and oppression must be suppressed; we must all be regimented into the ranks of the spineless nonentities fearful to disagree with the so-called "policy" forced upon us. Neutrality is the refuge of the weak and self-seeking; of the huddled, spineless, bleached and bloodless occupants of the fence.

To expect a Chinese boy to be neutral-minded is asking an impossible indignity of him, an unnecessary imposition which he should never have been asked to bear. To expect him unquestioningly to accept the domination of an alien enemy (or even of a renegade) displays abysmal ignorance of his mentality.

N. B. WHITSTONE.
Our correspondent has been misinformed. No communication has been received by this newspaper (or, so far as we are aware, by others) from the students. If such a document had been sent to us, it would have been given the same amount of publicity as the rest of the correspondence on this subject.—Ed. H.K.T.

The Schoolboy Strike

Sir,—The local papers have all given an account of the trouble at the D.B.S., presumably from the Headmaster's point of view, but, in all fairness, I believe the public would like to hear the boys' version of the affair. The boys of the D.B.S. have long been known for their courtesy and respect for their seniors, and their grievance must have been acute before they would have acted contrary to their best traditions. Perhaps no one will gainsay that the choice made by the Headmaster was rather injudicious at the present time, and however misguided they may be from the standpoint of discipline and loyalty to their school, one cannot help feeling some sympathy for those boys who have interrupted their school careers over this unfortunate controversy.

BRITAIN MAKES LAST MINUTE APPEAL

LONDON, June 13.

FOLLOWING to-day's meeting of the Cabinet Foreign Affairs Committee, reliable sources stated that Britain appealed to Japan not to impose the blockade in Tientsin.

It is understood that this request was transmitted to Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, from the British Foreign Office.

This motivated Japanese official sources into explaining that the British Consul General in Tientsin and his associates are examining fresh evidence regarding the alleged complicity of the Chinese captives in the April 9 assassination.

Although a British Government spokesman has disclaimed any knowledge of these developments, it appears that the appeal was made by a high official in the Foreign Office.

On Monday Britain attempted to avert the blockade by proposing the creation of a three-man tribunal to decide whether the Chinese should be delivered to the Japanese which, it is declared, would have denoted a climb down in the face of the Japanese threats.

It is an open secret that the British authorities are divided as to the most desirable course to be taken in Tientsin—the local British authorities favouring the fulfilment of the Japanese demands, to which the Home Government is opposed.

One section of the Government believes that submission in Tientsin will encourage the Japanese to seek complete domination of all the foreign settlements in China with their immense British, United States and French investments and facilities.

Others visualise Japan as not only seizing British interests throughout China, but even allude to the possibility of a Japanese bid for Hongkong. The Chinese Government is pressing Britain for more effective economic assistance. So far they have used only a tiny fraction of the commercial credits earmarked for British lorries. Chinese officials said Britain ought to be in a position to supply anti-aircraft guns instead of merely lorries.—United Press.

Situation In Tientsin

Tientsin, June 14.
Persons are allowed to pass through the barricades but only after a very complete search.

The "United Press" correspondent, Charles Gubb, said it required three hours for him to return to the Concession because the Japanese sentries took 15 minutes to search each person.

The streets in the Concession are deserted.

The British Volunteer Defence Corps was mobilised last night but they returned to their homes later.

Serious French View

Paris, June 14.
Official circles here take a very serious view of the Tientsin blockade. A Government spokesman said, "The situation is very serious."

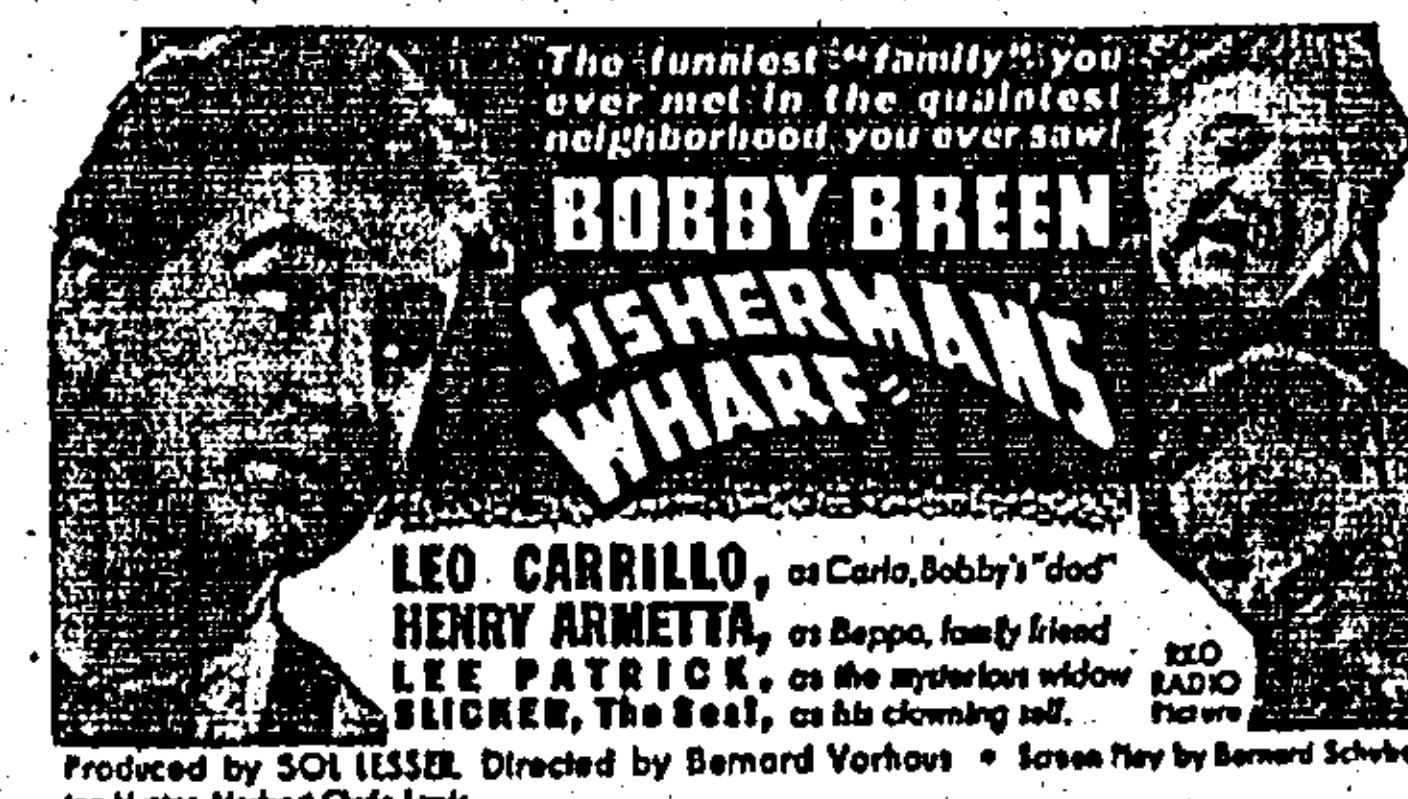
It has been stated that the Government is consulting London and Washington with a view to defining a joint policy to their mutual interests. Reports here indicate that the British military authorities at Singapore invited French commanding officers in the Far East to discuss joint defensive measures.—United Press.

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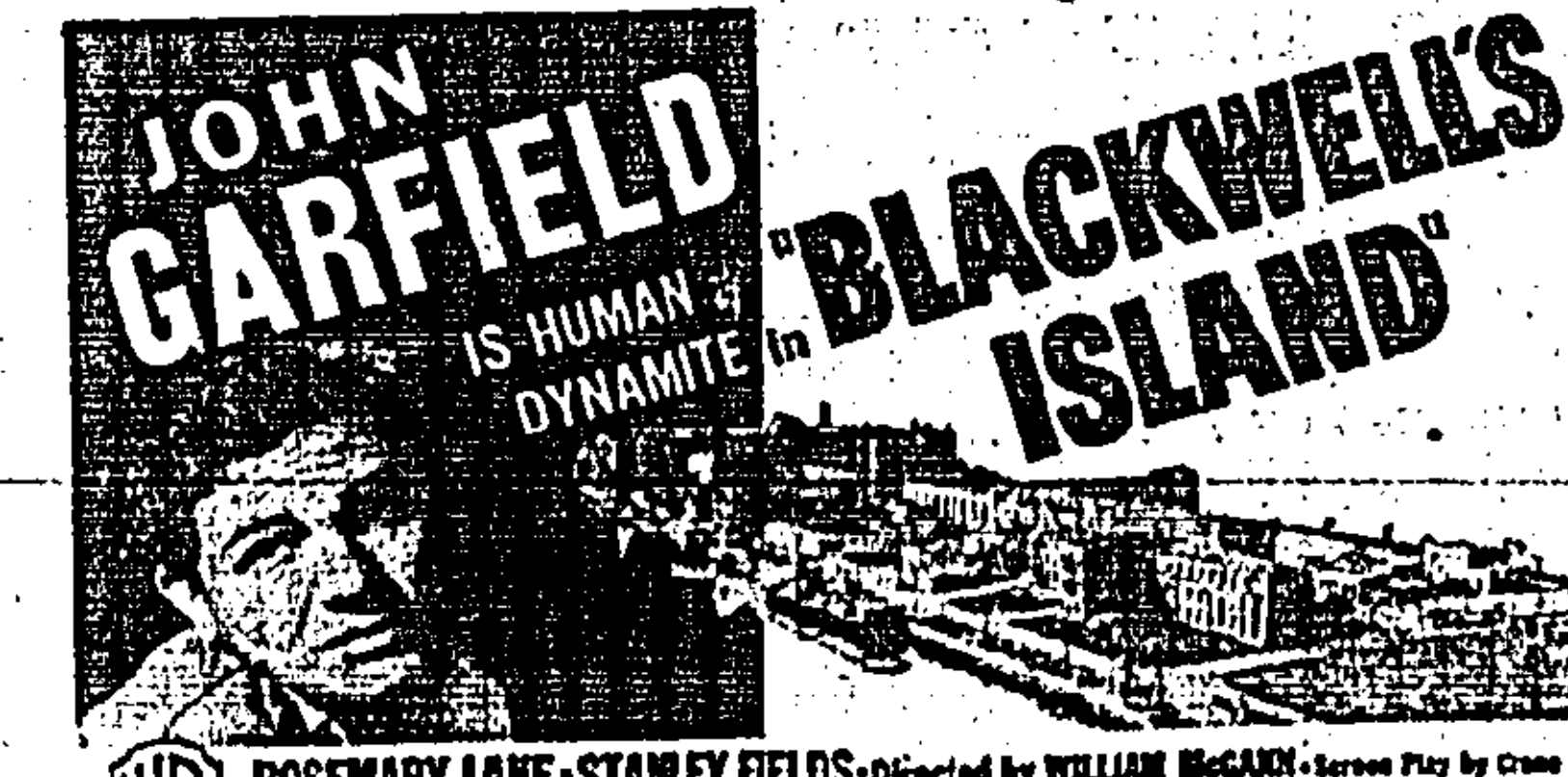
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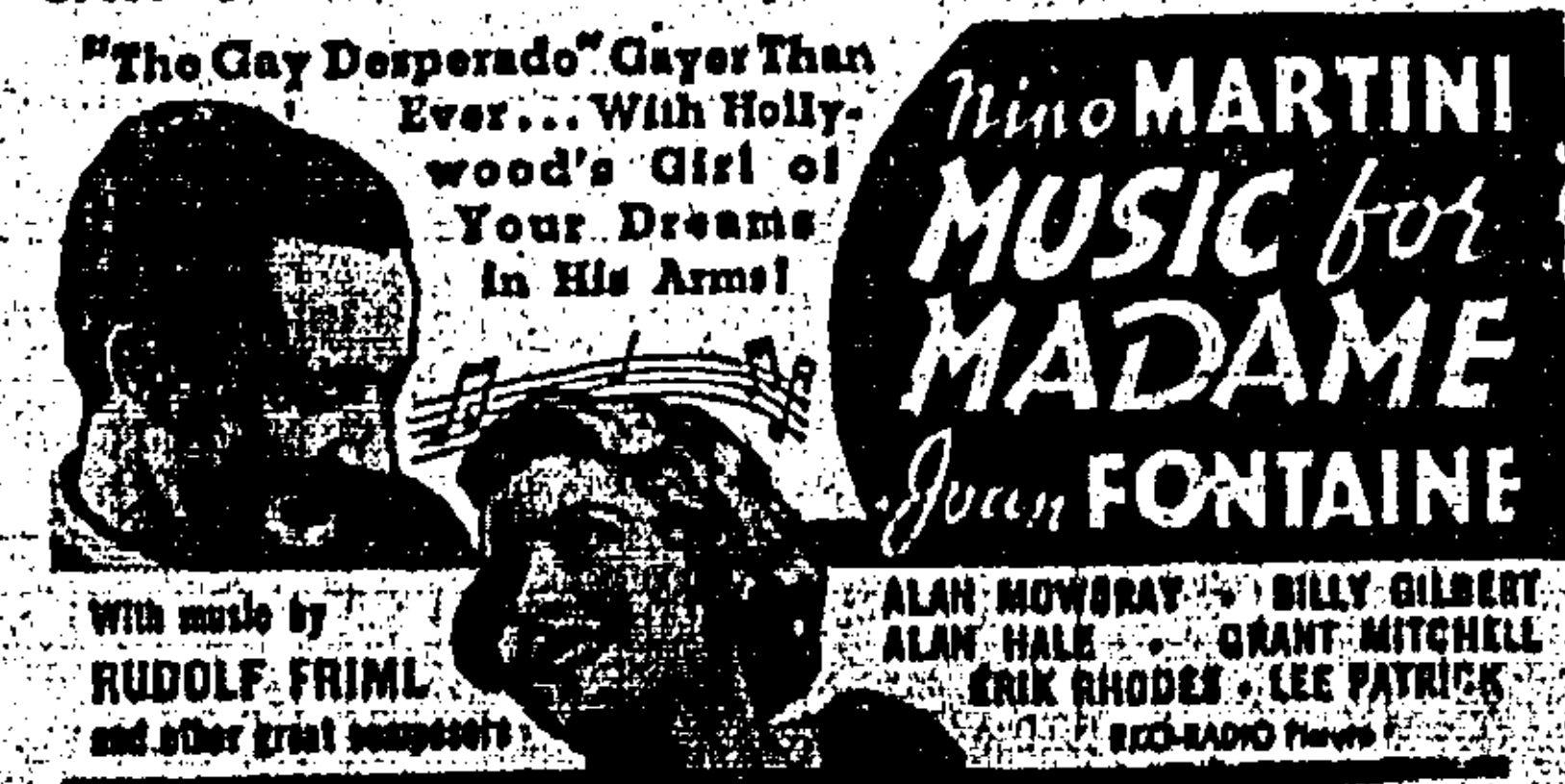
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